

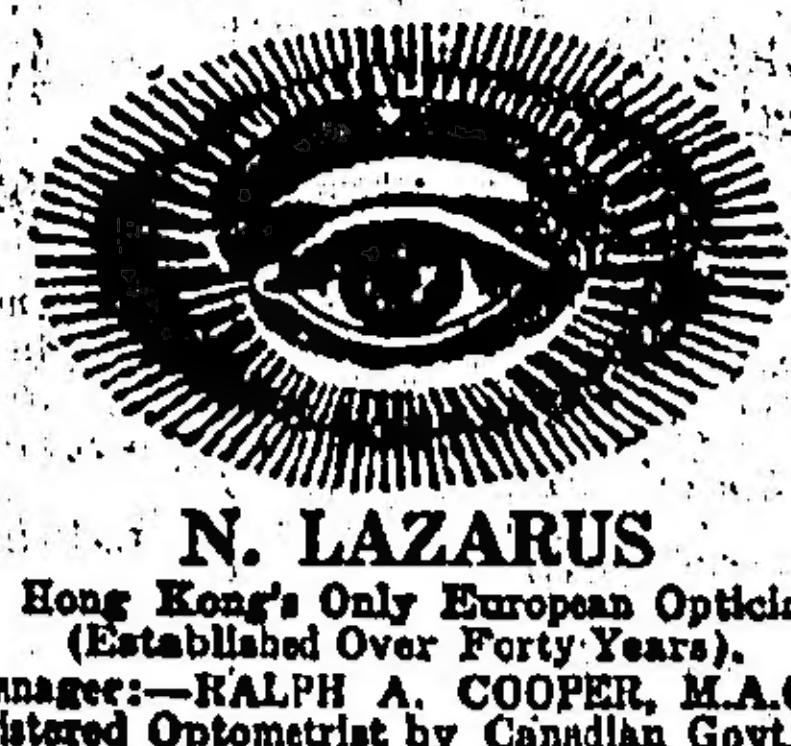
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## DISQUIET.

### KWANTUNG AFFAIRS.

### POLITICAL INFLUENCES.

#### Generals Converging On Capital.

#### INSTEAD OF ADVANCING AGAINST THE REDS AND PIRATES.

A little uneasiness is felt over the latest trend of military developments in Kwangtung because several Generals have been reported to be converging on Canton instead of making an advance against the hordes of the Swabue Soviet and the pirates of Bias Bay. Political influences may be the cause but there is no reason for alarm.

Activity by the Canton authorities against labour unions has spread to Pakkai, the port of Kongmoon. The Seamen's Union of Canton has offered rewards for three notorious Reds one of whom is thought to be in Malaya.

### THE SEAMEN'S UNION.

Several of the leading Generals who were in the campaign against the Ironsides in that part of Kwangtung province between the East River and Swatow's hinterland are either returning to Canton or have arrived there already.

In a sense, this is an indication of security. General Wong Shiu-hung (who is the highest officer next to General Li Chai-sum) has been in the East River basin for a fortnight or so and it was hoped that he would move against the Swabue Soviet, which has over-run the Hoifung and Lukfung districts for several months, and then send a punitive expedition against the Bias Bay pirates. He is now reported as about to return to Canton.

**Political Background.**  
Political influences may be responsible. The new "partner" in the Canton Government, General Chen Ming-chu, is believed to have expressed a desire to resign from the chairmanship of the provincial administration, a position to which he was appointed only a few days ago. It is said that he wishes to confine himself to military affairs; but such a statement can have almost any meaning.

Li Chai-sum's highest officer at Swatow is also at Canton, and commanders of divisions are also talking about moving back to the provincial capital.

**"Balance" of Power?**  
This sudden decision of so many officers to be in Canton may have no political significance. On the other hand, it may be due to the necessity of strengthening "Li Chai-sum's position. There is no pressing call for transfers to the northern frontier of Kwangtung as the danger of an immediate invasion by the Hunanese is over.

In any case, it is regrettable that no systematic drive—or any attack for that matter—is projected against the Swabue Soviet or the Bias Bay pirates, both evils being within comparative reach of the East River and Swatow garrisons.

#### Bandits Kill Each Other.

At its worst, it is hoped that no internal dissension in Canton is portended by these movements.

Meanwhile, disorder continues to hamper trade in the busy towns along the East River. Not only are the Reds in arms, but bandits are very active at the moment, so much so that news has reached Hong Kong about a feud between two strong bands which have fallen out and are now engaged in killing each other off.

#### UNIONS CLOSED.

#### Arrests By Authorities At Pakkai.

Pakkai, Yesterday.  
Nearly all of the local labour unions have been sealed up by the authorities. The only outstanding exception is the branch of the Mechanics and Engineers' Union of Canton, which is considered as consistently "moderate" and pro-Government, and is therefore allowed special privileges.

Three executives of the River Boatmen's Union have been arrested.

## BOUND FEET TO GO.

### Religious Liberty Discussed.

#### POOR HOUSES.

#### Interesting Orders By Regional Commanders.

Forcible release of women's bound feet is reported from Honan province, North China, which is part of the "Christian General's" domains. Women and girls of Honan are stated to have formed an organisation for the inspection of bound feet. This organisation is accompanied by police officers, the report continues, and women with bound feet found in public have their bonds removed forthwith.

**Religious Liberty.**  
A Chinese cable from Nanking says that a proposal to recognise religious liberty was discussed at a meeting of the Nationalist executive when it was decided that the Permanent Council should take up the proposal to forbid anti-Christian slogans.

**Poor-Houses for the Old.**  
Chengchow, Feb. 8.  
In a circular order, General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") instructed the Provincial Government of Honan, Shensi and Kansu, to establish orphanages and poor-houses for helpless persons over the age of 50. A sum of \$10,000 for the support of both was appropriate accordingly. He also ordered the opening of hospitals for the needy and homes for the crippled in order to teach them various trades to earn their livelihood.

**Anti-Opium Laws.**  
A second general order by the "Christian General" also instructed that all placards must first be approved by the Headquarters of the North-Western Army (allies of the Nationalists) before being posted.

One of the wanted men is So Shiu-ching, for whose arrest \$2,000 is promised by the Union. He has been chairman of the Union and was also chief of the anti-Hong Kong strike from 1926 to 1928. A rumour was current during the Red riots in Canton in December that he was about to return. Then he was heard of in connection with the Swabue Soviet. More recently, it was stated that he had gone to Malaya to stir up agitation. When he first had to flee from Canton last year, he went to Hankow which was then under Borodin's influence.

The other two men are also Seamen's Union officials. The reward for their arrest is \$1,000 and \$600 respectively.

**Canton's Revenue.**  
Pakkai, Yesterday.  
An order by the Government has led to some confusion. Since the Government refused its own banknotes, payments of revenue have been mostly in subsidiary silver coin. The instructions issued to all revenue bureaux is that all collections in future should be in silver as to 100 per cent. and in paper money as to 20 per cent.

This means that the banknote payment of 20 per cent. is additional. It will have little intrinsic value and may be due to an effort by some sections to maintain the notes in circulation rather than let them become worthless paper.

It is expected that a notification will be published in a few days after which the order will take effect.

**Two Motor Roads.**  
Paris, Feb. 18.—Women will be permitted to compete in examinations for certain branches of the consular service under a new decree but will only be eligible for headquarters posts.—Reuter.

**THE CIVIL WAR.**  
Pro-Nanking Troops Near Ichang.  
Ichang, Yesterday.  
Troops under General Ho Chien are reported to be approaching Ichang.

The military position at Ichang, Shasi and down river to Temple Hill remains obscure. British Naval Wireless.

**Note:** Ho Chien is the leader of the Hunanese supporters of

## RACING POINTS.

### Value of Form And Jockeyship.

#### TACTICAL ERRORS.

#### What Our Correspondent Would Have Done.

How good form and good jockeyship do not necessarily win races has again been illustrated at the annual meeting. I have an inkling that both the "Mr. Dynasty" and the Hynes-Mackie interests made tactical errors with regard to their Derby candidates by placing too much strength on the form of the first day. Otherwise, the Derby might have resulted differently.

The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie's Pickle failed in a short race the first day and Peck succeeded in the longest race of the day for griffins. Peck was sent for the Derby and failed to run into a place. Pickle, on the other hand, returned excellent time and qualified for the Champions in which he covered himself with glory by getting second to Elliot Bay and beating Bengal. Peck, incidentally, again disappointed on the third day.

**The "Dynasty" Griffins.**

"Mr. Dynasty" also had two Derby candidates, one of which was for long a firm favourite in the ante-post betting, this being Heir Apparent. The other was Young Pretender. Heir Apparent failed the first day whereas Young Pretender succeeded. The

#### FRESH AND FAIR.

North-east winds, fresh, fair. Is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

A third order instructed the three provincial authorities to initiate and carry out constructive measures, and the fourth, to enforce anti-opium laws, prohibiting any opium production by July, 1928.—Kuo Min.

### PEKING MINISTER.

#### SIR MILES RETURNS VISIT OF GOVERNOR.

#### DUE HERE TO-MORROW.

Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., British Minister to Peking, is due in Hong Kong to-morrow morning on board H.M.S. "Foxglove." Landing at Queen's Pier at 11.15, he will be met by H.E. the Governor, members of Executive and Legislative Councils, Naval and Military officers, and will inspect a guard of honour from the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

In the afternoon it is planned for Sir Miles to visit the New Territories. On Monday, the distinguished visitor is to have lunch with Major-General C. C. Luard C.B., C.M.G., and at night he will attend a dinner party at Government House.

Sir Miles is to visit Macao and Canton and, among other functions arranged locally in his honour, is a dinner at the Chinese Merchant's Club on February 28.

Sir Miles is due to leave Hong Kong on March 2.

**Paris, Feb. 18.—Women will be permitted to compete in examinations for certain branches of the consular service under a new decree but will only be eligible for headquarters posts.—Reuter.**

**Chiang Kai-shek and Nanking.**  
Earlier messages stated that he was being attacked at Shasi by Wu-Han Nationalists. As Ichang is further up the Yangtze than Shasi, this latest despatch may indicate that the Hunanese are being pushed further up-river and that the Wu-Han friends of Canton are gaining ground.

**Doubt About Conference.**  
Some doubt exists as to whether Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of the Nationalist Army did actually go to Honan province to discuss war tactics with his ally, General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General").

That renewed action against the Peking forces is indicated is evident from the arrival at Hau-

## AIR CRASH.

### Two Aeroplanes Collide.

#### ONE PILOT KILLED.

#### Accident Occurs Between Folkestone And Dover.

London, Yesterday.  
When flying over the cliffs near Capel between Folkestone and Dover, this afternoon, two Royal Air Force aeroplanes collided at a height of 2,000 feet and crashed. The machines, which were single-seater Grebes, belonged to the 25th Squadron at Hawkinge, and were piloted by Flying Officer Welsh and Flying Officer Watson.

Watson was picked up badly injured and died later.

Welsh dropped by parachute from his machine when about 1,000 feet up. He was carried nearly half a mile by parachute before falling on to telegraph wires on the Folkestone-Dover main road. His fall broke the wires but Welsh escaped injury. — British Wireless Service.

#### PAN-AMERICANISM.

#### FORMULA FOR "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE."

#### CANADA MAY JOIN.

Havana, Yesterday.  
At the close of yesterday's session, the sub-committee of the conference which is seeking a mutual satisfactory definition of "national independence," the majority of the delegates reported in favour of admitting their inability to agree as to a formula.

The Sub-Committee will meet and draft a formal report to-day.

**Canada Joining?**

Washington, Yesterday.  
Canada's eventual entrance into the Pan-American Union is predicted by Mr. John Barrett, ex-Director of Organisation, in a telegram to the Chairman of the Havana Conference in which he declares that a canvas of public opinion in Canada and the United States had convinced him that the Dominion Government would be represented at the next Pan-American Conference.—Reuter's American Service.

**UNKIND!**

Lindbergh's Work And The Diplomats.

St. Louis, Yesterday.  
President Coolidge and Mr. Davis have telegraphed congratulations to Lindbergh. Mr. Davis declared that the aviator's "good will" flight had done more to promote good relations in South America than the whole Diplomatic Corps, adding: "He should have remained in Havana as the Diplomats seem to be up in the air and lost in fog."—Reuter's American Service.

**Jockeys for Poulies.**

Another aspect which strikes me is the "jockey for pony" theory, which is that some riders can get the best out of certain ponies whereas others cannot. I remember that Mr. F. R. Vida in 1916 broke and/or equalled three records with Triumphant Dahlia but his colleague, Mr. C. R. Burkhill, could do nothing right with this pony.

Grey Knight had a very undistinguished career during the 1927 "extra" season. Yet Mr. A. J. P. Heard made that pony run against better-class opposition at the annual meeting, as he did with Tangle, another pony with a comparatively modest record.

**The "Best" Sub.**

I remember that the experts were agreed last year that Kow Tong Hall was a sprinter. But he won a 1½ miles race on Wednesday. The supposedly fastest subcription griffin this year is O'Moon. He performed grandly over six furlongs but failed over longer distances. Will he win a 1½ miles race in 1929?

Dumfries is a "sub" griffin whose victories I attribute to smart handling. In a long race on Tuesday, Mr. H. Maitland took the lead and stayed there—though the time for the last quarter was poor. On the other hand, Mr. Heard was criticised for making the pace with Peck in the Derby, the race just before that in which Dumfries ran. If Mr. Maitland was right on Dumfries, it has to be recalled that he also led with Peck in the Derby, the race just before that in which Dumfries ran. If Mr. Maitland was right on Dumfries, it has to be recalled that he also led with Peck in the Derby, the race just before that in which Dumfries ran.

**MAHOMMEDAN FASTING.**

After the usual Friday prayers held at the Mosque in Shelley Street, the Mulvi (Officiating Priest) announced to the congregation for the information of all Muslims that if the new moon is visible on the evening of Wednesday the 22nd inst., the first Travellers' fast will commence on that night. In the event of the new moon then the fast will begin on the night of Thursday the 23rd inst.

He further announced that for the convenience of Muslims residing in the Eastern district, Travellers' fast will be held at the Mosque in Happy Valley when prayers will start at 8.15 p.m. each night during the month of Ramadhan.

**"Sheer Cussedness."**

Some years ago, a Juchun of Kwangtung received a large initial payment from an Anglo-

## HARMONY.

### HONG KONG AND CANTON.

#### SYMPATHETIC ASSISTANCE.

#### MUTUAL GOODWILL NOW IN EXISTENCE.

#### PROBLEM OF ECONOMIC REHABILITATION IN KWANTUNG.

[By "Li Chung yin."]

Harmony between Canton and Hong Kong is now firmly established and the time is ripe for close co-operation between the Cantonese and foreigners in a sustained effort to take advantage of beneficial conditions.

In spite of the mutual goodwill between the Canton Government and foreigners, experts have been unable to make concrete proposals for sympathetic assistance in economic development or domestic rehabilitation in Kwangtung province, and also in Kwangsi province.

The problem which appears so difficult to solve is:—How best can the Governments or nationals of Britain and other countries help Canton?

#### MONETARY MATTERS.

Kwangtung's most pressing need is money. The Canton Government is financially embarrassed. The merchants and people have been hard hit by disturbances, unrest, heavy taxes and the banknote crash but trade is still being conducted as far as circumstances permit.

Advances to merchants are matters for the individual and therefore cannot be dealt with in a general manner. The Government stands in a different position in regard to loans. Ever since General Li Chai-sum returned to power, his agents have been negotiating both in Canton and Hong Kong for loans. Very little or no success has been reported.

There is abundant inducement but hardly any security in tangible form.

#### Banknote Policy.

Immediate relief may be obtained by the Canton Government but only by arbitrary methods. In the face of what the people have already suffered during the last few months, any new levy of substantial extent will be to say the least, immensely unpopular.

A new issue of banknotes has been discussed. For reasons hitherto explained in the "China Mail," General Li Chai-sum's Government disacknowledged the paper money of the Central Bank of China which, as many know, was established by the Nationalist Party. And since China became a Republic in 1



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## NOTICES.

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## CLOSING DAY.

THE CLOSING DAY AND DIS-  
TRIBUTION OF PRIZES will  
take place on SATURDAY FIRST,  
18th February, at 3 p.m.

A. CHAPMAN,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hong Kong, 16th Feb. 1928.

## LECTURE.

MR. R. VAUGHAN-FOWLER  
will give an address in the  
THEATRE ROYAL on Tuesday,  
21st February, 1928, at 4 p.m.,  
under the auspices of the HONG  
KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF  
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"The Prospects of Commercial  
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Hong Kong, Feb. 17, 1928.

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C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI  
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## NOTICES.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the NINTH ORDINARY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
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Office of the Company, No. 10, Des  
Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY,  
the 18th February, 1928, at  
8.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiv-  
ing a Statement of Accounts and  
the Report of the Directors for the  
year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
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SATURDAY, 11th February to  
SATURDAY, 18th February, 1928,  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1928.

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THE FOURTH ORDINARY AN-  
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Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the  
24th February, 1928, at 11 o'clock  
a.m. for the purpose of receiving  
a Statement of Accounts and the  
Report of the General Managers  
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1927, and electing a Consulting  
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THURSDAY, 16th February, 1928,  
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SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the ORDINARY YEAR-  
LY MEETING of the SHARE-  
HOLDERS in this Corporation will  
be held at City Hall, Hong Kong,  
on SATURDAY, the 26th February,  
1928, at 10 a.m., for the purpose of  
receiving the Report of the Court  
of Directors together with a State-  
ment of Accounts for the year  
ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of  
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from MONDAY, the 18th February  
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By Order of the Court of  
Directors,  
A. C. HYNES,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the  
Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNES-  
DAY, the 29th February, 1928, AT  
NOON, for the purpose of receiv-  
ing the Report of the Directors and  
the Statement of Accounts for the  
year ended December 31st, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from  
FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1928  
to WEDNESDAY, the 29th  
February, 1928, BOTH DAYS  
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NOON, Monday, 20th February.

Hong Kong, 13th February 1928.

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sibly pelting. All this hedonism  
is in a sense a dream-come-true,  
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PRESENTATION AT HARBOUR OFFICE.

At the Harbour Office yesterday, Commdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master, presented to Lam Pow, seaman of the s.s. "Bowes Castle," the Board of Trade's silver medal for gallantry at sea in connection with the foundering off the Praya on August 18, 1927, of the s.s. "Loong Sang" when several lives were lost. Lam Pow, with others put out in a small boat, and managed with difficulty to rescue several Chinese from the ill-fated "Loong Sang."

Commdr. G. F. Hole, in presenting the medal, commended the seaman in appropriate terms, saying that this was only the fifth medal of its kind to be won locally.

The "Gazette" notifies that the fog bell on Lamong Mi is now in order.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Shanghai on February 16, and is due at Chin-wangtiao to-morrow.

The B. I. "Talma" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 13, at p.m., and is due here to-morrow morning.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 14 at 6 a.m., and is due here on Tuesday at about 6 a.m.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai on February 17, and is due at Kobe on February 21.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benlawers" arrived at Leith, Middlebrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on February 16 at 2.30 p.m., left Yokohama yesterday at 7 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on February 24 in the morning. She will sail for Manila on February 25 at 5 p.m.

## SHIPPING BOARD.

THREE CARGO LINES TO BE SOLD.

COLUMBIA PACIFIC CO.

Washington, Yesterday  
The Shipping Board has announced the sale of the three remaining Government-owned cargo lines on the Pacific Coast, namely, the American, Australian and Orient line, comprising 21 ships, the Oregon and Oriental line and the American Oriental Mail lines of 11

ships, respectively.—Reuter's American Service.

## 11 SHIPS BOUGHT.

Names of Those for China Trade.

The Columbia Pacific Steamship Co., of No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, have purchased eleven vessels for operation between Portland and the Orient, the total cost of the steamers being \$1,065,000. The local offices of this company have been established for the past five or six years.

The United States Shipping Board has accepted their head office (Portland) bid for eleven vessels.

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## CANADIAN PACIFIC

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STEAMERS	Hong Kong	Shal	Kobe	Yahama	Viver
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EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 5	Apr. 15
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 6
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 9	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 27
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 17
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 20	June 23	June 26	July 1	July 20
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
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AMAZON MARU	
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	
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SHINNOH MARU	MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.
CELEBES MARU (Calls on Karachi)	MONDAY, 5th MARCH.
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PANAMA MARU	FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.	
KASADO MARU	SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports.	
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai)	MONDAY, 5th MARCH.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKEHOL	TUESDAY, 28th FEB. 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
HAVRE MARU	SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.
JAPAN PORTS:	
TACOMA MARU	WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.
BATAVIA MARU	WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.
AMUR MARU	MONDAY, 12th MARCH.
KAIJO MARU	SUNDAY, 19th FEB. 11 a.m.
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West Kader	5,570	3,468
West Niger	5,645	3,517
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ACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
JALIPORE	5,273	7th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,185	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPORE	9,715	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARMAALA	8,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANDALA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
HALVAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
NGAPORE	5,263	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,963	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London
JAYEGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYEVERET	8,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
HALWA	10,586	20th May	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,005	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	10,601	23rd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHYBER	9,124	7th July	Marseilles & London
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TALMA	10,000	21st Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
WILZAPORE	6,715	21st Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
KALYAN	9,444	25th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
MONGOLIA	10,520	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKLIWA	7,936	2nd Mar.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	9th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NGAPORE	5,223	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
VANTUA	10,046	16th Mar.	Shanghai.
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ACIFPA	10,953	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
JAYEPORE	5,218	10th Apr.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	19th Apr.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,936	27th Apr.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,856	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
NOVARA	6,689	8th May	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DELTA	8,097	14th May	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	16,601	25th May	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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## A TREE POISONED.

### ARSENIC AND SPIRITS OF SALTS.

Efforts made to poison a popular tree with arsenic were described at Surrey Quarter Sessions, when Mrs. Ann Cripps, of Lulworth, Langley Road, Surbiton, appealed against a conviction and fine by the Kingston-on-Thames Bench in August for damaging a tree.

Mrs. Helena Colombatti said the tree was the centre one of three poplars standing near the fence separating her house from that of Mrs. Cripps. She bought the house because of the beauty of the poplars, but as the result of the tree being interfered with it had turned black on one side.

An 80-year-old gardener said that Mrs. Cripps told him to destroy the centre poplar tree. He stripped the bark from one root and inserted some arsenic and sawed around the trunk as far as he could reach to stop the sap from flowing.

Mrs. Cripps did not pay him because she said he had done something which she had not told him to do.

It was stated that since the tree had been poisoned some of the boughs had fallen, and that the tree was suffering from progressive deterioration.

### A Previous Dose.

Mrs. Cripps said that one root of the tree ran on the lawn of her garden, causing it to turn brown. She declared that two years before Mrs. Colombatti gave her permission to do what she liked with the tree. She put some spirits of salt into the roots, but without effect.

Mr. L. Horton-Smith, for Mrs. Cripps, said she had absolute undoubted right to cut away such parts of the tree — whether branches or roots — as encroached on her property.

Mr. Moresby, prosecuting, said that Mrs. Cripps had done more than cut off the encroaching part. She had poisoned and sawn the tree as well, so that when the sap rose the poison would be disseminated through the whole tree.

After a hearing lasting for eight hours the court dismissed the appeal.

## PEACE IN INDUSTRY.

### Living Wage Enquiry.

London, Jan. 3. The Labour correspondent of "The Times" apropo of the coming meeting between employers and employees says:—"It is a coincidence of considerable importance that the Labour Party and the Council of the Trade Union Congress has already begun a joint enquiry into the question of a living wage. Much ground must be covered and probably it will be a year before it is completed. First a living wage must be defined and means suggested for making that wage possible. The enquiry has accordingly been outlined, thus—defects of present system of production, and distribution, finance, the problem of foreign markets, and international competition, immediate improvement in the level of wage rates including a high wage policy, family allowances, and social insurance. The outline covers many other phases."

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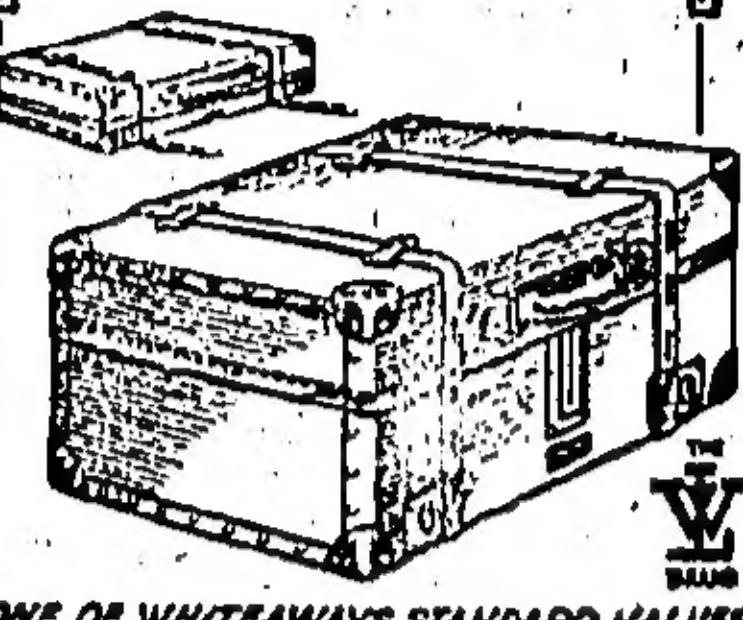
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Start—H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters.

First Lap—Queen's Road, Arsenal Street, Wanchai, the Praya, North Point, Shaukiwan, Tytam Tuk Reservoir, Tytam Path, Wong Nei Chung Gap, Repulse Bay Road, Victoria Road, Aberdeen, Dairy Farm Hill, Poktuk Police Station, Reservoir Path, Peak Hotel, Peak Road, Repulse Bay Road, Morrison Hill, Queen's Road to Garden Road.

Second Lap—Garden Road, Caine Road, Mount Davis Road, Felix Villas, Victoria Road, Aberdeen, Aberdeen Reservoir, Wanchai Gap, Black's Links, Wong Nei Chung Gap, Repulse Bay Road, Repulse Bay, Tytam Tuk, Shaukiwan, Taikoo, North Point, Wanchai, the Praya, Praya, Queen's Road, Garden Road.

Third Lap—Garden Road, Seth's Corner, Peak Path, Peak Hotel, Peak Road, Wong Nei Chung Gap, Repulse Bay Road, Victoria Road, Aberdeen, Dairy Farm Hill, Mount Davis Road, Felix Villas, Victoria Road, Kennedy Town, Connaught Road, Statue Square, Hall.

Fourth Lap—Statue Square, Connaught Road, Kennedy Town, Victoria Road, Repulse Bay, Tytam Tuk, Shaukiwan, Taikoo, North Point, Wanchai, the Praya, Arsenal Street, Queen's Road and Garden Road.

Finish—H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters.

Competitors will probably be allowed a rest at the end of the third lap before starting on the fourth lap which may have to be done in darkness.

## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" from London and ports on Feb. 17 were:

Mrs. B. L. Arnold, Rev. E. Band, Mrs. Band and child, Mr. F. Baker, Mr. W. Brown, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bird, Mr. R. F. Clark, Mr. B. F. Cunningham, Mr. J. M. Duncan, Mr. R. J. Everest, Mrs. Everest, Mr. R. J. Everest, Miss M. M. Everest, Miss A. Elvidge, Mr. G. H. Elliot, Mr. S. C. Feltham, Miss Grayburn, Mr. Knox, Mrs. Knox, Mr. J. Murphy, Miss M. E. Macgregor, Mrs. M. F. Macgregor, Mr. A. B. Osmund, Mrs. Osmund, Mr. and Mrs. Patch, Mr. D. M. Ross, Mrs. Ross, Mr. W. T. Roberts, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. W. F. Stone, Mrs. Stone and two children and infant, Miss A. Symington, Mr. A. Thompson, Mr. J. J. Walsh, Mr. James Watson, Mr. J. E. Hope, Mr. E. H. Adam, Mrs. Adam, Mr. and Mrs. Bankstone, Miss A. Black, Mr. W. T. Fulston, Mr. Fulston and child, Rev. and Mrs. Inglis, Mr. H. M. Kendall, Miss M. Leach, Mr. H. V. Millward, Mrs. Millward, Miss B. Millward, Miss J. H. Mitchell, and three children of Mr. Park, Mr. H. A. Macrae, Mr. D. O. MacLellan, Mr. H. Payne, Mrs. Payne, child and infant, Mrs. J. A. Ridgway and infant, Mr. H. E. Rigge, Mr. J. Stirling, Mrs. Taylor, three children, infant and amah, Mr. H. F. Handley Derry, Mr. A. Hipsey, Mr. Chin Chee-sam, Mr. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo, Mr. W. H. McKerrow, Mrs. D. W. Crawford, Miss Crawford (two), Mr. F. J. French.

## LAND SALES.

Forthcoming land sales are announced in the "Government Gazette," as follows:

At Tai Po District office, 11.30 a.m. on March 7, 28 lots in the New Territories.

At Pingshan Land office, 12 noon on March 8, 10 lots in the New Territories.

At the Public Works Department, 3 p.m. on Feb. 20, New K.L.L. 1122, Shamshui po.

At the Public Works Department, 3 p.m. on Feb. 27, New K.L.L. 1123, Shamshui po.

The letting for one year of an agricultural lot at Kau Lung Hang, by public auction, will be held at Tai Po District office at 11.30 a.m. on March 7.

The P. & O. "Kashmir" arrived in Hong Kong yesterday with a good many passengers from Home. These included Mr. S. C. Feltham (engineer in the P.W.D.), Mr. James Watson, Mr. J. J. Walsh, Mr. W. F. Stone, Mr. D. M. Ross, Mr. A. B. Osmund, Miss Grayburn, Mr. G. H. Elliot, and Mr. J. M. Duncan.

## A POISON PLOT.

AND FLIGHT ACROSS FRONTIER.  
WIFE SENT HOME.

Bombay.—A young Indian Prince's fears of poison plots, the return of his wife to her father, and the alleged influence of a dancing girl over a Maharaja, are features of an amazing story revealed regarding the flight from his father's capital of Prince Vikram Singh, heir-apparent to the throne of Dewas, a Central Indian State.

There is a senior and a junior Dewas. They are twin treaty States. The larger or senior is ruled by His Highness, Maharaja Sir Tukoji Rao Puar, who is 40. It has an area of 446 square miles and a population of about 60,000.

Mother's Departure.

Last month Prince Vikram Singh after quarrels with his father, fled from the city of Dewas and arrived at the British Residency in Indore, 20 miles away, in a state of great agitation. It is now stated that his misfortunes are largely attributed to the machinations of a former dancing girl, who has supplanted his mother in the affections of the Maharaja of Kolhapur, but she left Dewas several years ago, and no subject of Kolhapur has since been permitted to enter Dewas.

Wife Molested.

There has been a systematic persecution of the Prince, who is not yet 20, and his beautiful wife, the daughter of the Chief of the State of Jath, whom he married last year. Owing to molestation the Princess recently returned to her father.

To mark the Maharaja's displeasure the Prince was deprived of his rank in the Dewas army and was confined to his house as a prisoner.

Fearing attempts on his life by poison, the Prince, on the pretence of going for a motor-car drive, made a dash across the State border and placed himself under the protection of the British Resident in Indore, Mr. Glancy.

The Prince is now staying at the Maharaja of Kolhapur's palace in Bombay, where he is preparing a petition to the Viceroy, Lord Irwin.

## CURSE &amp; DANGER.

## BRITISH UNEMPLOYED.

London, Dec. 24.

"The number of unemployed in Great Britain is a curse and a danger," said Mr. W. R. Morris, the car manufacturer, in a speech to his staff at Coventry.

He added that he was convinced that if manufacturers were protected the demand for labour would exceed the supply. The Americans were the richest people in the world, not the biggest fools, and they had the highest tariff. Great Britain, with the best working men in the world, had 1,250,000 unemployed.

He added that he hoped, when visiting Australia, to discover why there was no greater demand for British goods.

## MURDER AT ODESSA.

## ITALIAN VICE-CONSUL.

Odessa, Dec. 23.

The Italian vice-consul, Signor Kozio, a bachelor, has been fiendishly murdered, supposedly by bandits. Signor Kozio, who is of a very quiet disposition, left home at dusk on Tuesday. He was apparently waylaid in a lonely spot and bludgeoned to death. Every stitch of clothing was removed from his body and thieves pulled out his gold-filled teeth and gold dental plate.

## COALFIELDS' DEPRESSION.

Mining M.P.'s Accept Less Pay.

London, Dec. 29.

Owing to the depression existing in the coalfields, districts, mining members of the House of Commons have agreed to a reduction of 50% in the allowance from the Miners' Federation. Thus, the Parliamentary salary, plus allowance, to each of these members will now equal £600.

The Hague, Feb. 18.—The first chamber of the States-General has passed a bill providing for the amalgamation of the Ministries of War and Marine into a single Ministry of National Defence.—Reuters

Hong Kong estate, to the value of \$22,200, was left by Tsang Shun-ying, alias Tsang-ung, alias Tsang Ng-sai, alias Tsang Sam Sling Tong, merchant, who died at 113, Caine Road on October 15 last year. Probate has been granted to his secondary wife, Wong-Lai-wei.

## FOOT-AND-MOUTH.

MISCHIEF OF THE DISEASE.  
RUINOSLY EXPENSIVE.

The danger of an extension of the mischief of this disease is so great, and its possible effects so ruinously expensive, that any owner of stock who fails to report a case immediately the symptoms of salivation and lameness are detected, or even suspected, is guilty of a most serious offence against the whole community. The first of the cases in the Midland was discovered about a fortnight ago in the public slaughterhouse at Birmingham. Six days later there was a fresh outbreak in Cheshire, quickly followed by others in Staffordshire, the West Riding of Yorkshire, and Lincolnshire. Besides imposing the usual infected area restrictions round the infected farms, the Ministry of Agriculture has now declared a "standstill" area in the whole of seven counties and parts of six others. In this wide district—which extends right across England from the Flintshire coast to the Wash and from the Bristol Channel in the South to parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire in the North—no markets or stores will be allowed, and no markets or sales of fat stock except by special licence of the local authorities.

So far as the present sum of human knowledge of the disease goes, it appears that everything possible is being done to meet the emergency. The rest must be left to the incalculable chances of Nature and to the vigilance and conscience and self-interest of the local authorities and of every one in the district who has anything to do with the handling of live-stock. The position is undoubtedly serious. But there is no occasion for panic.—"The Times."

## SINGAPORE BASE.

## OFFICERS' EXAMINATION PAPER.

The papers at the October examination of Army officers set out the arguments which led to the choice of Singapore in preference to the development of the Australian base at Sydney as an Imperial base. The examiners' report says:—While it may be argued that Sydney has an excellent harbour, needing little development, and that it is in a land of our own people, with superior advantages over Singapore in the way of climate, food supply, and protection from submarines, yet such arguments do not touch the root of the matter. Geographically Sydney is unsuitable. No fleet based on Sydney could prevent the capture of Singapore, involving the disappearance of our Eastern trade and the harassing of our trade in the Indian Ocean. Further, Sydney is dependent on long lines of communications for supplies of oil and suitable coal for ships, while Singapore is the re-fuelling station between Ceylon and Australia. A fleet based on Singapore would protect India, Burma, the Persian oilfields, and our trade routes to the East.

## ITALIAN VICE-CONSUL.

Mr. F. Baker of the Public Works Department returned from Home yesterday on the "Kashmir." He is one of the Civil Service C.C. first team players.

The 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the s.s. "Assaye" in the course of their journey home from Shanghai where they arrived last March at a time that the situation there was critical. They had a great send-off from the residents and other troops remaining there, the bands of the Welch Regiment, the Suffolk Regiment, the Beds and Herts Regiment and the Northamptonshires playing a farewell march and many residents remaining at the wharf until the ship left. On arrival in Hong Kong yesterday, the Coldstreamers were allowed to disembark.

Tenders for the completion of the sea wall at Shamshui po reclamation are asked for by the Public Works Department.

A proposal for a local public library, of Chinese publications, with a section for commercial works, was made by Mr. Fung Ping-shan at yesterday's committee meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. The suggestion is that members be admitted at a small fee. The Chamber will take the proposal into consideration.

## CINEMA NOTES.

"THE LITTLE FRENCH GIRL" COMING.  
TO-DAY'S FINAL RUNS.

The screen version of Anne Douglas Sedgwick's novel "The Little French Girl," which caused a sensation in the world of fiction, comes to the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Herbert Brenon, who produced "Ben Hur" and "Peter Pan," directed the production, which features Alice Joyce, Neil Hamilton, Mary Brian, and Esther Ralston. The story is one of Alix Verville, the little French girl, whose mother's mode of life makes a suitable marriage impossible for her in France. She goes to the home of friends in England. How she finally finds happiness in spite of the past and differences in social standards between the two countries makes "The Little French Girl" an extremely interesting film.

## "THE MAGIC FLAME."

"The Magic Flame," which has been drawing large houses at the Queen's Theatre since Wednesday, will be screened to-day for the last times. This picture is one that no cinema "fan" should miss, presenting, as it does, two of the most popular stars of the screen, Ronald Colman and Vilma Banty, in a story that is bizarre to a degree. Moreover the picture is notable for extremely clever directing and photography.

## "YOLANDA."

Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are "Yolanda" at the World Theatre and "In Gods" at the Star Theatre. "Yolanda" is a splendid film romance woven round the lives of the Duke of Burgundy and Louis XI. of France. Besides an exciting story, "Yolanda" offers some magnificent medieval pageantry.

## "TIN GODS."

"Tin Gods" is the old yet ever new story of the man who came back. The leading roles are filled by Tom Meighan, Renee Adoree and Aileen Pringle. Cinema-goers should note that the movie programme in the Star Theatre ends at 8.30, the Barnard Musical Comedy Company presenting the delightful musical comedy, "Queen High" at 9.15 p.m.

## AUSTRALIA'S STATUS.

A Change In System.

## Canberra, Dec. 29.

Under a new system of direct communication between the British and Australian Governments, which will come into operation on January 1, the Governor-General of Australia loses some of the functions that he now performs, but has the status of his office raised by reason of the fact that he becomes the direct representative of the King, instead of the British Government.

The change will take place in accordance with a determination of the last Imperial Conference, and is a further endorsement of the principle that in all matters of government the British and Australian authorities are equal. Hitherto, communications have gone through the Governor-General, but after the New Year they will go from the Prime Minister's Office to the Dominions Office, and vice versa.

As a result of the change, Mr. J. H. Starling, who has been official secretary to the Governor-General, has been appointed secretary to the Executive Council.

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## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Barnard Musical Comedy Company presents "Queen High" Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Magic Flame."

To-day—Star Theatre; "In Gods."

To-day—World Theatre; "Yolanda."

February 19—Barnard Musical Comedy Co. presents "Review of Revues," at Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

February 19-20—Queen's Theatre; "Topsy and Eva."

February 19-20—Star Theatre; "The Night Cry."

February 19-20—World Theatre; "The Man Upstairs."

February 21-22—Queen's Theatre; "The Little French Girl."

February 21-22—Star Theatre; "The Bat."

February 21-22—World Theatre; "Tumbleweeds."

February 22—Music recital at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

February 22—Dancing display by Miss Violet Capell's Pupils, Queen's Theatre; 5 p.m.

February 23—Classical Music Recital by Robert and Anatole Kitain, Star Theatre; 9.15 p.m.

February 23-25—Queen's Theatre; "Lovers."

February 23-25—Star Theatre; "The Road To Yesterday."

February 23-25—World Theatre; "Altars of Desire."

February 24—Cheer-O dance at City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

February 25—Craignawer Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

To-day—Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting Happy Valley.

To-day—Sim Shield Hockey Team; Army v. Navy.

February 25—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club; 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fanning Hunt steeplechases (Spring meeting).

March 4—Sixth extra race meeting of Macau Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevesa"

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Particulars of the Competition of Industrial Designs for 1928, Royal Society of Arts, London, are now available in circular form.

Mr. William Thomas Snell, Western Circuit and North London Sessions, has been appointed Recorder of Andover, Hampshire.

All the war relics in Manchester's parks will be sold as scrap metal if a resolution passed by the Parks Committee is ratified by the corporation.

A silk shawl made in Norwich in 1863, and given by the Queen to the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, is now being shown there.

Aircraftman James Ackrill, R.A.F., stationed at Andover, was killed at Camberley, Surrey, when a tyre of his motor-cycle burst and threw him under a car.

Royal Marines, Plymouth Division, after 12 months in China, landed from the "Mantua" on Jan. 12, and had a hearty welcome as they marched to barracks.

On Jan. 18, Paymaster Lt.-Com. E. D. T. Churcher, late secretary to the Commodore-in-Charge at Hong Kong, took up duty in the office of the First Sea Lord.

Eight sons, 8 daughters, and 15 grandchildren were present at the unveiling of a stained glass window at Stobey Church, near Carlisle, in memory of Mrs. Burnett, widow of a former vicar.

Mr. John Freeman Dunn, a member of the London Stock Exchange, who represented Hemel Hempstead in Parliament from 1923 to 1926, has been adopted Liberal candidate for the Faversham by-election.

Fresh outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease are reported from Ashbourne and Tiverton, Derbyshire; Great Coates, near Grimsby, Lincolnshire; Great Bridge, Staffordshire; and Yaxley, near Peterborough.

Mr. Thomas H. Solly, for many years a prominent Essex farmer, has, at the age of 68, sold his farm, Mundon Hall, Maldon, of more than 300 acres, taken Holy Orders, and become curate at Furlong, near Chelmsford.

Two of the crew of the Cockenzie fishing boat "Pioneer" were washed overboard during a gale off East Wemyss on the Firth of Forth coast, but were rescued in an exhausted condition. One man was seriously injured.

Over 80,000 Christmas and New Year greeting messages passed over the submarine cables of the Eastern Associated Telegraph Companies between Dec. 15 and Dec. 31, an increase over the previous year's figures of 12,700.

The prospectus of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, St. Augustine, Trinidad, for the year 1928-29, with which is included the Principal's report for the year 1926-27, has been sent to the "China Mail" which acknowledges receipt with thanks.

Although 21 days' prior residence in Scotland is now necessary before a marriage can be legally performed at Gretna Green, the Scottish border village, about 100 marriages were celebrated over the anvil in the old blacksmith's shop there last year.

John Harvey, who was granted a free pardon by the French Government after being sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for desertion from the French Foreign Legion, is to appear with Miss Betty Chester at the Victoria Palace in a sketch dealing with the Foreign Legion.

A company has been formed to transform the Grand Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C., which stands on what Sir Robert Peel nearly 100 years ago described as the finest site in Europe, into shops, offices, and an arcade running from the Strand to Northumberland Avenue.

Nee Nang-sao, aged 29, a seaman of the steamer "Glanbeg," was ordered at East Ham Police Court on Jan. 17 to pay £3 6s. for illegally harbouring and concealing on board 5½ lbs. of silk tissue and seven silk handkerchiefs. Sao said that he bought the silk at Yokohama at 2s. a yard, and that it would be worth anything from 10s. to 14s. a yard in England.

The Hotel Riviera at Macao's Praia Grande is continuing to fill an important place as a social centre. Tea dances and dinner dances have become a feature of the social entertainments provided, and visitors to Macao continue to find this fine hostelry a great convenience. It is believed that two parties of tourists expected next month will be guided in their visit to Macao by the hotel staff.

Essex Education Committee are to erect a county high school for boys at Leyton at a cost of £50,000.

The suggestion that the name of Elstree, Hertfordshire, should be changed to Hollywood has been abandoned.

The appointment of M. Otto Schmidt, editor of the Soviet Encyclopedia, as Soviet Ambassador to Italy in succession to Kamenev, is officially confirmed.

A constable, whose attention was drawn by an excited flock of sea-gulls over the river Itchen at Southampton, saw a shoal of fish in the river. He called boatmen, who noted nearly 4cwt of mullet.

Recovered from Mimma Wash, South Mimms, a body is believed to be that of a Japanese named Tugimoto, of Elgin-avenue, Paddington.

Conditions of the Lewis Berger Scholarship of £50, in the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, London, have been announced.

An official Russian statement contradicts the report of the arrest of the Chinese Charge d'Affaires in Moscow and of two members of the Legation Staff.

An advertiser in "The Times" wants photographs of Russian torpedo boat destroyers that were actually engaged in the Port Arthur and Vladivostok operations during the Russo-Japanese war.

The programme at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow will include the latest Felix the Cat Cartoon, "Felix Trips Through Toyland," which will be found to be quite the best of its kind yet screened in the Colony.

The man found mutilated on the Charing Cross Railway Bridge on Jan. 3 has been identified as Robert Raymond Pettigrew, aged 25, returned recently from service in China, where he was a bandsman in the Border Regiment.

The annual Carnival festival at Macao on the eve of the Lenten Season will be just as actively enjoyed this year as usual, and there are signs that the festivities will be on an even larger scale than customary.

Mr. Bugg and Mr. and Mrs. Hercombe left Calcutta on Jan. 6 in a ship's lifeboat, 30 ft. long, in an attempt to reach Australia. They go via Penang, Singapore, and Java, and hope to complete the journey within two months.

In 1910, writes "Saepius," I bought a watch at Weltevreden, Java. The first time it wanted attention was in 1926, when I took it into a shop in Holborn and was served by the same assistant who had sold me the watch in Java 16 years earlier.

Prominent among the paintings included in the Iveagh Bequest, now being exhibited at the Royal Academy, is Frans Hals' "Man with the Cane." This is described as a portrait of Pieter van der Broecke, of Antwerp, founder of Batavia, who died in 1641.

Owing to the engineer work proceeding in Clayton Tunnel, near Brighton, some of the Southern Railway evening trains are being diverted by way of Lewes, following which through trains will arrive at Brighton and London about 15 minutes late.

The council of the Royal Sanitary Institute has appointed a special committee to ascertain in what direction research in connection with the purification of sewage is most needed, and what agencies are available for conducting, encouraging, and co-ordinating it.

Nine women of Rathfriland, County Down, Ireland, have, by a decision in the Supreme Court in the United States, been declared heiresses to one-third of the \$100,000 fortune left by Mr. Jefferson Foyle, of Rathfriland, who died at Farmer City, Illinois.

Among the chief acquisitions made by the Trustees of the British Museum recently and approved by the Standing Committee is a gift from Mr. H. J. Oppenheim of a specimen of Chinese pottery of the Han Dynasty, representing a watchdog with open jaws and uplifted head, as if barking. A large Japanese colour print in three sections, representing a boating party, by Choi, has been given by Mr. C. S. Gulbenkian. Another print, "Boating at Night," by Shunzan, and a number of Japanese illustrated books have been presented by Sir Herbert Thompson.

It is announced that the first chief executive officer for the new cruiser "Kent" is to be Captain Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., who has been in command of the "Ark Royal" and in charge of the Reserve Minesweepers since August, 1926. It is also stated that Captain Murray will become Flag Captain to Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief, China, on the transfer of flag. The "Kent" is one of a batch of five 10,000-ton cruisers of the 1924-25 programme, and she is due for completion in May. The "Kent" is armed with eight 6-in. and four 4-in. H.A. guns, and has a speed of over 32 knots.

The President of the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce in his review of the year says: With the exception of Canton one might say that the position in China is somewhat quieter than a year ago. In the now very faintly nationalistic movements, however, it is difficult to discern any attempt at forming a stable or progressive Government.

Booking is now open at Moutrie's

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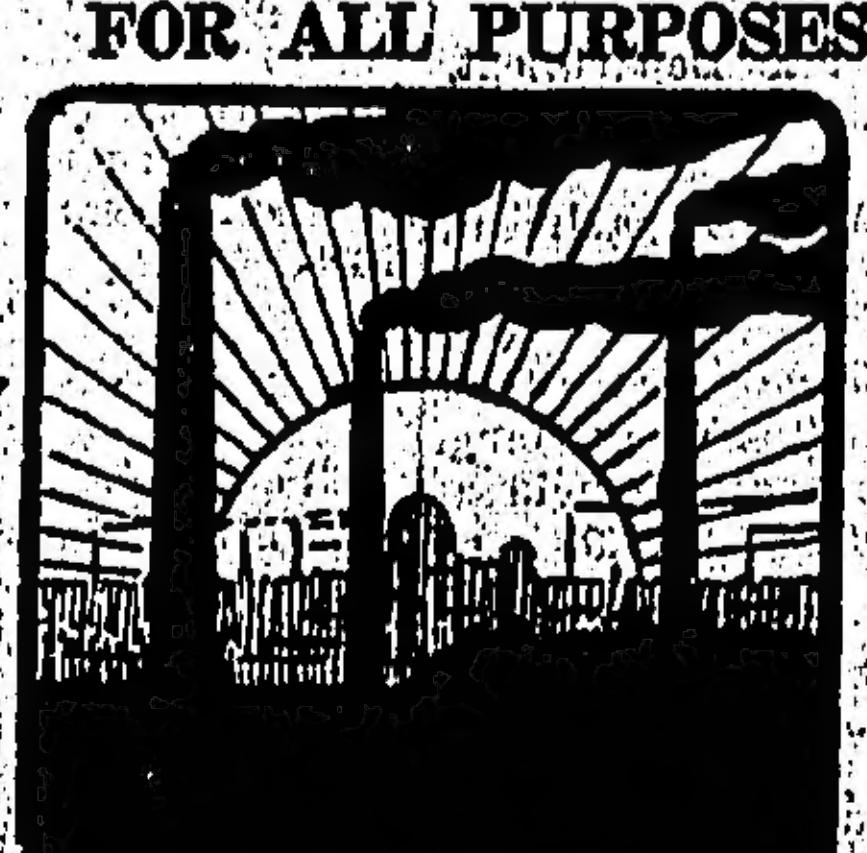
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## SPORTS

## RACING IN CHINA.

IS IT A SPORT OR A DISGRACE?

## HANKOW CRITICISM.

Racing, one of the most popular of local sports, raises each Spring and Autumn a large sum of money which not only goes far to pay the expenses of the various Clubs that engage in this sport, but almost invariably pays handsome dividends to the owners and ponies engaged in it, says the "Hankow Herald."

Ponies are brought into Hankow from the North by Chinese horse dealers, and prices for them paid by members of local Race Clubs range from one hundred to a thousand dollars, and sometimes more. These ponies, with few exceptions, bring large returns on their investment, and a stable of a few ponies of varying merit usually averages a good profit at the end of each season.

At the end of each season, ponies whose money making possibilities are low are sold at public auction, and are bought in almost entirely by local carriage drivers. From that moment the life of these ponies is a hell on earth.

Poorly fed, mostly on straw; suffering from sores and other illnesses which are never attended; beaten cruelly and driven to exhaustion from early morning to late at night; pulling loads of six and more passengers, which is far too great for their tiny bodies; and continually whipped by their drivers with a callousness only to be found in the East, which tears their skin from their backs and leaves ugly open festers.

## "Hellish Slavery."

The sale of these ponies at auction, where they are bought for the slow torture of the native carriage shafts, usually brings from thirty to fifty dollars a pony. How owners of racing stables can sell into such hellish slavery ponies which have helped to fatten out their bank accounts, and which—unless their hearts are of utter stone—must have found at least a small place in their affections, is difficult to fathom. To sell them for a great price would be bad enough—temptation as it might be; but to sell them as they do, to such a future, is an act of meanness scarcely human.

## RUGBY.

## HOW SCOTLAND DEFEATED FRANCE.

## GOOD DRIBBLING TELLS.

The thirteenth Rugby match between France and Scotland ended in a big success for Scotland by 5 tries to 2 tries. It was singular that D. D. Drydale, A. Dykes, and Haged all failed with their goal kicks.

There was more method among the Scotsmen, and quick healing by the pack enabled P. S. Douty and H. Greenlee to open up the game repeatedly. Generally these concerted movements were directed to the left wing, where Dykes and W. Simmers combined with effective results.

Simmers was very fast and also reliable in defense, but had a handful in Dulaurens, his opposite number, who was seldom mastered.

The Frenchmen were desperate and continually scrappy in their methods, but as a defending team their marking and tackling were something to enthuse over.

The Scottish halves had better chances to shine, but Haged and Daudignon made a number of openings, and had their three-quarters supported them the difference in the scoring would not have been so great.

## Frenchmen Nonplussed.

One feature of the Scottish play which nonplussed the Frenchmen was their dribbling, and in this respect J. M. Bannerman and W. Ferguson, and later J. D. Scott, were well to the fore.

Both backs were safe, but Drydale was the more reliable. He had a great deal of work in the first half, during which period play reached a higher standard than later.

Simmers (as the result of open work), Haged (winning a race for the ball kicked over the Scottish line), J. Paterson (after a Scottish dribble), and Dykes (from a combined movement) all scored in the first half.

Afterwards, Douty and Scott increased the Scottish score. Branca, at the end of a thrilling run, was the final scorer.

Probably there has never been such a large number of spectators at a Rugby match at Colombo, but, as usual, the larger proportion were ignorant of the game, and there were frequent and unluckily outbursts of disapproval of decisions given by Mr. Magrath, of Ireland.

The referee, certainly, was ultra strict and used his whistle with irritating frequency.

## WATERLOO CUP.

## "WHITE COLLAR" WINS FINAL.

## A LADY OWNER.

London, Yesterday. At Altear, the Waterloo Cup coursing final, Mrs. Sofer Whitburn's "White Collar" beat Lt.-Col. Sir John Humphrey's "Hastings." Betting was 100 to 30 on the owner.—Reuter.

## SERVICE BOXING.

## COMMAND TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

## POINTS FOR UNITS.

The South China Command boxing tournament was continued at Whitfield Barracks last night and will be concluded to-night.

The 2nd Batt. Scott Guards placed the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers in the lead on points awarded to units. The former now have 45 and the latter 42.

The Queen's Regiment are next with 36. Last night's results follow:

## Bantamweights.

1st round: Pte. McConnell (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Pte. Tidye (Queen's) in the second round.

## Featherweights.

2nd round: Sgt. Hooper (Queen's) beat Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) in the first round, the latter being disqualified; L/C. Barry (Queen's) beat L/C. Lyndwood (Queen's) on points.

## Welterweights.

2nd round: Pte. Carney (K.O.S.B.) beat L/C. Hills (Scots Guards) on points; Guardsman Johnston (Scots Guards) beat Pte. Joyce (Queen's) on points; Pte. Boyer (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Guardsman Hodges (Scots Guards) in the first round; Guardsman Hand (Scots Guards) beat Pte. Frost (Queen's) on points.

## Middleweights.

2nd round: Drummer Woolward (Scots Guards) beat Pte. Woolley (K.O.S.B.) who retired in the first round; L/C. Flinlayson (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Guardsman Holmes (Scots Guards) in the second round; Pte. Lansdale (Queen's) knocked out Guardsman Campbell (Scots Guards) in the second round; Sgt. Hill (Scots Guards) beat Guardsman Bruce (Scots Guards) on points.

## Light-Heavyweight.

1st round: Guardsman Purdie (Scots Guards) beat Guardsman Johnson (Scots Guards) on points; L/C. Woods (Scots Guards) knocked out L/C. Rush (Queen's) in the second round; Pte. Smith (K.O.S.B.) received a walk-over from Gunner Coe (R.A.); Pte. Welsh (Queen's) received a walk-over from Gunner Daniels (R.A.).

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Play in the Club championship singles of the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament begins on Monday. The other events in the tournament commence on March 1. Monday's fixtures are:

Rev. F. P. W. Alexander v. Major W. B. Stevenson.

A. D. Humphreys v. W. D. Fiddes Wilson.

J. E. Henry v. H. R. Remington.

## POLO.

## THE 1928 HURLINGHAM SEASON.

## PROVISIONAL FIXTURES.

The polo manager of the Hurlingham Club, Brig-General T. H. S. Marchant, has issued a provisional list of fixtures for the 1928 season. The opening competition will be the Spring Handicap Tournament, which is to be played on the club's spare ground at Worcester Park, Surrey, from April 30 to May 5.

From May 14 to 26 the initial competition for the weekly challenge cup and the decision of the Whitney Cup tournament will take place.

The latter trophy, which was presented by Mr. Harry Payne Whitney in 1910, to commemorate America's first victory in the international matches for the Westchester cup in the previous year, and which has been won for the last two years by the 17th-21st Lancers (Mssrs. R. B. B. Cooke, H. C. Walford, H. W. Forester, and Lieut-Colonel Vivian Lockett), is played for simultaneously at Hurlingham and Roehampton. The final takes place alternately at the two clubs, this season's fixture being marked for Hurlingham.

Derby Week will see the decision of the Cicero Cup tournament at Worcester Park. The challenge cup, which was won last season by Colonel Casares's El Palmar side (Mr. L. R. S. Holway, Captain J. H. Hirsh, Senior S. M. Casares, and Colonel S. A. Casares), was presented by the Earl of Rosebery to signalize the victory of his colt, Cicero, in the 1905 Derby. Teams may not have an aggregate handicap of more than 15 points, and no player's rating may be more than five points. Between June 18-23 the Visitors' Handicap tournament will be held, and the following week sees the Champion Cup played for. The latter contest was instituted in 1876, and is the world's senior polo tournament. Last season Mr. Stephen Sanford, who had the assistance of Captain C. T. I. Roark, Wing-Commander P. K. Wise, and Major J. F. Harrison, won the forty-eighth cup.

The semi-finals and final of the Inter-Regimental Tournament, the blue ribbon of Army polo, will be fought out between July 4-7. The final in 1927 will be long remembered by all who witnessed it, for the Royal Artillery (Mr. B. J. Fowler, Captain H. G. Morrison, Mr. J. C. Campbell, and Captain C. W. Allfrey) defeated the 17th-21st Lancers, who had a sequence of seven victories to their credit, by the odd goal of thirteen after a most exciting game. A new tournament will be introduced into the Hurlingham programme this season, this being the Guest (High Handicap) Challenge Cup competition. The trophy, which has been given by Captain the Hon. Frederick Guest, is confined to teams that have taken part in the Champion Cup tournament. It is, however, to be played under handicap, with a minimum of twenty-four points per team, and the cup may be withheld if three teams do not compete.

Teams will be handicapped on

their credit. Other clubs that have been successful are the Raleigh Club (1898), Nimrod (1899), Pitt Club, Cambridge (1900), Orleans (1901-2), Cavalry (1902-14), Bath (1910-1920), Argentine (1912), R.A.C. (three times), and Buck's (five times).

The tournament is open to teams composed of members of recognised social clubs in London or the country, there being no restrictions as to players being members of Hurlingham, but the aggregate handicap of a team may not exceed twenty-six points. Another fixture is the Hurlingham League, for teams with a total handicap of not less than twenty-two points, the scoring being on the lines of the Association Football Championship, with medals for the teams with the greatest number of points.

Last season the Duke of

Panaranda's El Gordo combination were the champions. In addition to the foregoing events, dates are to be allotted for the annual horse and polo pony show, the Villavieja Century Cup match, and the Inter-University match. The last-named will be played for the forty-fourth time, the Dark Blues having won twenty matches and Cambridge twenty-three.—"Daily Telegraph."

Lending goal-scorers in London's professional League clubs last week were: Landells (Millwall)

19; Thompson (Chelsea) and

Elliott (Fulham) 16 each; Goddard

(Rangers) 13; Brain (Arsenal)

12; Phillips (Millwall) 11; Osborne

(Spurs), Russell (West Ham),

Dennison (Orient) 10 each.

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The four cylinders and the crankcase are cast en bloc, the cylinder head is detachable, and can be removed without disturbing either the inlet or exhaust manifolds. The side valve engine, which is in unit with the centrally controlled three-speed gear box and clutch, has a bore and stroke of 66.5 m.m. and 83 m.m. respectively, which give a capacity of 882 cc. and a rating of 7.9 h.p. The cam-shaft is driven in circuit with the magneto by roller chain, tension being controlled by a patented automatic jockey pulley; the dynamo, on the nearside, being independently chain driven. For easy access to the tappets a detachable valve cover is provided on the near side. A three-bearing crank-shaft—a very unusual feature for a power unit of under 850 cc. capacity—is incorporated. Thrust is taken by the centre bearing and steel connecting rods of H. Section are used in conjunction with aluminium alloy die-cast pistons having two rings at the top and a scraper ring at the base of the skirt. The pistons and connecting rods can be withdrawn when both the cylinder head and the oil sump are removed, either through the cylinder bores or past the crank-shaft. The gudgeon pins are fixed in the little end of connecting rods.

There is a pressure oil feed to crank-shaft, cam-shaft (three bearings) and big ends by means of a spur-gear pump in the pressed steel sump and oil from the release valve directly lubricates the chain drives. The oil capacity of the sump is half a gallon, a dip stick and large size oil filler are provided.

A vertical type Amac carburetor is used. Cooling, which is by thermo-syphon, is assisted by a two-blade fan, and there are adequate water connections to the top and bottom radiator tanks. The radiator possesses a pleasant appearance and ample cooling area. A single gear with multiple springs and long dry plate type of clutch is used to provide light control. The gearbox has three forward speeds and reverse, the main-shaft and lay-shaft running on ball and roller bearings respectively.

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## LITTLE COMEDY.

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This is the Westminster comedy of The car that would not go. The woman M.P. who said it must go. The Minister of the Crown who tried to make it go. The eminent K. C. who lent a hand. The two M.P.s who did make it go.

"Who goes home?" The cry resounds through the lobbies and the corridors of the House of Commons. It is 2.28 a.m.

Last trams and trains have gone as M.P.s step into Palace Yard, swept by wind and rain.

"I'll give you a lift home," says Miss Wilkinson, who drives a small car, to her colleagues, Mr. W. Mackinder and Mr. Tom Williams.

Gratefully they accept, and the three cross the yard to the arches where Miss Wilkinson's car is sheltered. She turns on the petrol, floods the carburetor, presses the self-start. Nothing happens.

"It's run down," she says. "I'll start with the handle."

The handle has become a convert to a canny.

"The cogs are slipping or something," says the car owner. "Get Her Moving."

The man M.P.s look on helplessly but hopefully. What's to be done? "Only one thing," says Miss Wilkinson. "We must get her moving and then she will fire."

Two sturdy men and the woman put their shoulders to the car to move it. It is a small car, but there is a steep incline and a tricky bend leading to the level of the Yard.

"Valiantly, the three, M.P.s push, but the car is still recalcitrant.

"Can I be of any assistance?" asks one of the breathless three.

Minister Intervenes.

Mr. H. R. Betterton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, 6 ft. high and strong, adds his own weight, and the prestige of a Minister of the Crown to the motive force. In a twinkling the car is in Palace Yard.

Mr. Betterton raises his silk hat, says "Good-night."

"Now we'll be all right," says Miss Wilkinson.

"I'll get into the car, put her in gear, and keep the clutch out. You two push the car round the yard as fast as you can go. I'll let the clutch in when there is speed on, and she should fire all right."

Two steady well-nigh breathless M.P.s again brace their shoulders against the baby car. Off they go at a merry pace.

All in vain. The car simply slows down.

The law now takes a hand—a distinguished K.C., Mr. R. Mitchell Banks, Conservative M.P. for Swindon, joins the others, and three men power tries to compel seven horse power into action.

Nothing doing! Down by the main gates the deceptivity gives impetus, but still no spark.

They are entering on the third lap almost spent.

In goes the clutch again, and this time there is a welcome splutter as the engine begins to roar.

The three M.P.s wipe their fevered brows; a great cheer rises from the spectators. The engine is running merrily now.

Big Ben strikes three.

flexible connections. The hand brake lever applies an internal expanding brake operating in a malleable ribbed drum at the rear end of the gear-box.

Suspension is by particularly long semi-elliptic springs at the front, while quarter elliptic rear springs are employed. Both front and rear axles are equipped with shock absorbers of the normal artillery, detachable, and to these, friction type. Wheels are steel Dunlop balloon tyres 27 by 4 ins. and all wheel brake drums are 9½ ins. in diameter. The self-filling master cylinder is mounted on the chassis frame and is operated directly by a foot pedal. Pipes leading from the master cylinder are taken along the frame to unions, whence the pressure is conveyed to the operating mechanism within the brake drums by means of special

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## TO-DAY'S RACES

Gentleman Rider's Unexpected Return.

## MR. "BILLY" HILL'S VICTORY.

Close Finishes In Final Day's Meeting.

## POPULAR MILITARY WIN IN SUB. GRIFFINS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. "Billy" Hill, perhaps one of the greatest of China pony gentleman riders of all time, provided the sensation of the fourth day of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's annual race meeting to-day by making an unexpected appearance, riding the third-best backed pony in the sixth race, and winning in the style which has made him so popular with turfites in Shanghai, Hong Kong and elsewhere.

Heeding the "call of the East," Mr. Hill has come back after retiring in 1925 when he rode a series of astounding successes in Shanghai. Prior to that he had come down to Hong Kong regularly for the annual meeting, to ride for Mr. G. H. Potts, Mr. Ellis Hayman, Messrs. Henry Morris and Marshall, and others.

## GOOD "TOTE" DIVIDENDS.

Four of the best of this year's Derby griffins were in the field in Mr. Hill's race. He had the best of the start, then led for most of the distance and was passed at the critical moment. Rather than batte out the issue at the last turn, Mr. Hill waited till he entered the straight and then drove his pony through a gap in a line of three and went on to win in convincing fashion. After being cheered by those who won and lost, Mr. Hill left to catch his boat.

If the attendance before lunch was below the average of the first three days of the week, it swelled after the interval and both cash sweeps and pari-mutuel were as well supported as earlier in the week.

Nearly every race provided a close finish. Fields were big enough for interest to be sustained and the ponies were sufficiently well matched. Surprises turned up fairly regularly with resulting big dividends on the tote.

The course was in about the same condition as throughout the meeting.

The proportion of ladies seemed to be bigger to-day.

The Subscription Griffins' Champagne was won by Major Lake's Dumfries and this proved a popular win with the military community.

The sixth race provided an interesting tussle between four of this year's Derby griffins.

The mile race for officers of His Majesty's forces ended in a victory for Mr. Usher who rode Warranton.

1.—"HAY AND CORN" STAKES.—winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for subscription griffins of any season that have started at least twice at this meeting and have not won weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. Five furlongs.

Mr. C. T. C. Northern Star 155 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 1 Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tummel 152 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2

Mr. Wayfoong's Brown Jug 155 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 3 Mr. R. M. Austin's District Call 153 lbs. (Mr. Botelho) 0

Mrs. Bernard's Barley Grass 152 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0 Mr. P. W. Doo's Green Slip 150 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0 Mr. Gubbay's Scho 160 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0

Mr. E. L. Hosie's The Haugh 157 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 0 Major Lake & Capt. Abbott's Berwick 158 lbs. (Mr. Wolfe-Murray) 0

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Scooter 152 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0 Mr. Richardson's Silver Fox (late Sagamore) 150 lbs. (Mr. Tyrwhitt) 0

Mr. H. P. White's Shingle 155 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 0 Mr. H. L. Yung's Galopin 147 lbs. (Mr. Liang) 0

Time: 1.18. Neck: 1/6 length. Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$52.00; Places: 1st \$8.80; 2nd \$9.30; 3rd \$6.60.

2.—"LOITERERS" STAKES—winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won, weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. Five furlongs.

Mr. K. H. Kay's Comrade 163 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1 Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee's Duke of Verona 163 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 2 Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Boukra 155 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 3 Mr. K. H. Chemal 158 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 0

Time: 1.14. 3 lengths; 4 lengths. Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.90; Places: 1st \$5.60; 2nd \$5.60.

3.—"ALL OUT" STAKES—winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting and have

## 6.—HONG KONG HANDICAP.—"A" Class.

Class, winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for all China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting, entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Eve's Boxing Eve 163 lbs. (Mr. Hill) 1

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie's Pickle 165 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 2

Mr. Eve's New Year's Eve 160 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 3

Mr. Dynasty's Heir Apparent 165 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 0

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Artistic Hall 145 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 0

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Manor Hall 150 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0

Time: 2.39.4/5.

1/2 lengths; 1 length.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$25.10; Places: 1st \$6.60; 2nd \$6.00; 3rd \$6.00.

## 7.—HONG KONG HANDICAP.—"B" Class.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin 160 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 1

Mr. Luen Yick's Warlordship 160 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2

Mr. Eve's Festive Eve 165 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 3

Mrs. Bernard's Barley Grass 153 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0

Col. Comyn's Borderer 141 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 0

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Tangle 159 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0

Mr. R. J. Paterson's August 156 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 0

Time: 2.43.1/5.

1/2 length; 6 lengths.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$24.10; Places: 1st \$6.80; 2nd \$6.40; 3rd \$6.80.

## 8.—PROFESSIONAL CUP AND SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

A sweepstakes of \$25 each for winners, a Cup presented \$500 to the winner by the donors and \$1 added, second \$500, third \$300, to be won two years in succession or three years in all by ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners, for subscription griffins of this meeting winners and placed ponies only, weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Major Lake's Dumfries 158 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 1

Mr. Eve's Gala Eve 158 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 2

Mr. George's Horsford 158 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 3

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Masonic Hall 155 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0

Messrs. F. Usher and L. Reidy's Macao Beauty 155 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0

Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes (late Horner) 155 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0

Time: 1.32.4/5.

1/2 length; 1/2 lengths.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$46.50; Places: 1st \$14.30; 2nd \$18.20; 3rd \$12.10.

## 9.—"UNITED SERVICES" CUP.

A cup presented to the winner with \$200 added, second \$150, third \$75, for China ponies the bona fide property of and to be ridden by officers of His M. R. Regular Forces, ponies loaned by officers from Government will, for the purpose of this race, be considered as the bona fide property of such officers, each weight at 160 lbs. entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Moon's O'Moon 165 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 1

Mr. H. L. Yung's Chatto 157 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 2

Mr. C. T. C. Southern Star 155 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 0

Mr. Carlifred's Madiera 150 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0

Mr. P. W. Doo's Green Slip 148 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie's Peter 152 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 0

Messrs. Kong Bros' Sea Front 148 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0

Mr. Seth's Meanwhile 160 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 0

Mr. E. L. Sim's Kaa 152 lbs. (Mr. Wallace) 0

Time: 2.10.1/5.

3 lengths; head.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$12.40; Places: 1st \$7.00; 2nd \$9.10; 3rd \$8.60.

## 5.—TYTAM HANDICAP.—"B" Class.

Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's Tarzan 152 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 1

Mr. F. C. Hall's The Gannet 155 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 2

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tay 156 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 3

Mr. R. M. Austin's Social Call 148 lbs. (Mr. Durlacher) 0

Mr. Carlifred's Busaco 151 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0

Mrs. R. M. Dyer's Easing Wold 155 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 0

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch London II 151 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Dundee 148 lbs. (Mr. Tyrwhitt) 0

Mr. Dynast's King Constantine 152 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Liberty Hall 158 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Skipper 155 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0

Mr. John Peel's Siang River 150 lbs. (Mr. Wallace) 0

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton's The Grouse 148 lbs. (Mr. Sewell) 0

Mr. Union's Fook Shau 160 lbs. (Mr. Ho) 0

Mr. H. L. Yung's Galopin 147 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 0

Time: 2.11.1/5.

Neck; length.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$78.00; Places: 1st \$5.60; 2nd \$5.60.

4.—TYTAM HANDICAP.—"A" Class.

Class, winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for subscription griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$10. One mile.

Warrington 160 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 1

Castle 160 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 2

Easter Day 160 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 3

Durham 160 lbs. (Mr. Sugden) 0

Silver Fox 160 lbs. (Mr. Richards) 0

Public financial stress is the ground upon which the East Suffolk County Roads and Bridges Committee has decided that no money is to be spent on improving road corners during the coming financial year.

## ACE OF SPADES 160 lbs.

(Mr. Shillington) 0

Berwick 160 lbs. (Mr. Wolfe-Murray) 0

Time: 2.10.

Many lengths; many lengths.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$7.40; Places: 1st \$5.60; 2nd \$10.00; 3rd \$6.30.

## 10.—ALSO RAN STAKES.

winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won, subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 7 lbs. weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Loo Cheuk-suen's U Un II 1

158 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 1

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Manor Hall 163 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Mish 155 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 3

Time: 2.12.

1 1/2 lengths; 6 lengths.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$14.40; Place: 1st \$13.50.

## 11.—"LUCKY" STAKES.

winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for China ponies that have started in at least twice and have not won at this meeting, weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. Six furlongs.

Mr. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin 160 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 1

Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Taze 160 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2

Mr. Eve's Bright Eve 160 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 3

Time: 2.43.1/5.

1/2 length; 6 lengths.

Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$24.10; Places: 1st \$6.80; 2nd \$6.40; 3rd \$6.80.

## SEX PROBLEMS.

HEAD MASTERS URGE DIFFERENTIATION.

"GIRLS SUFFER MORE."

Rugby. — Eton and nearly all the public schools of the country were represented in the emphatic declaration made by the Head Master's Conference at Rugby. "That it is neither desirable nor necessary that the conditions of examination imposed for the School Certificate should be identical for girls and boys." This was moved by Mr. Frank Fletcher, of Charterhouse, the president of the Conference, and seconded by Dr. C. A. Arlington, of Eton. The question arose on technical discussion raised by Dr. Terry Thomas, of Leeds, on the question of the relaxation of the group system as raised by the Head Mistresses' Association.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, of Harrow, who is chairman of the Examinations Council of the Board of Education, said that body would certainly have to deal with the question in February. He would therefore, refrain from voting upon the question in that conference. In its origin the School Certificate was intended to be an examination passing 80 to 85 per cent. of the candidates presented for it. The question immediately arose whether that was the percentage for the good or the bad schools. In practice it had worked out as 87 per cent. on the average. That was not the position which the founders of the certificate intended.

## A New Factor.

"Another new factor has come into play since the war," he said. "There has been a considerable increase in the number of secondary schools for boys and girls, and a vast increase in the numbers of boys and girls enjoying secondary education. There is evidence from the side of the boys, and still more from the side of the girls, that many are finding it very hard indeed to reach the standard of the School Certificate, and the question is asked whether the group requirement is the right sort of requirement to make."

"It is urged on the side of the boys that it is forcing whole numbers of those who resort to secondary schools into black coat occupations. On the side of the girls it is pointed out that the majority are going to be wives and mothers, and that the proper education for the bulk of the girls is one which gives full value to the aesthetic and domestic sides. The question is further complicated by the fact that the head mistresses are all convinced that what is sauce for the goose is and must always be, sauce for the gander. (Laughter)."

"We have got to recognise that the school certificate has not only its matriculation value at present, but it has its recognition from the professional bodies. I know the difficulties the Board of Education have had in getting those bodies to accept the school certificate, and if the resolution of the head mistresses is passed the whole of these negotiations with the professional bodies will have to be gone through again."

"It is obvious that a new school certificate would not have the same value as the old certificate. I put that question to the deputation of the head mistresses to the Examinations Council. I asked them if they really felt that a certificate which included English, Latin, French, mathematics, and science was to be of the same value as one which included English, botany, art, needlework, and cookery, and they replied with great courage that that was what they meant."

## Two Separate Certificates.

Dr. Norwood outlined five ways of dealing with the situation. One, he said, would be to differentiate between the schools quite frankly, and award a school certificate. "We are faced with a real problem. The school certificate does not suit girls' schools, and, moreover, the examination system designed for the secondary schools when they contained more or less picked pupils is becoming very burdensome to secondary schools now that they are flooded with material not quite so good. The head mistresses have never been satisfied with the school certificate from its start. When they came to the Secondary Schools' Examination Council in deputation in the early autumn and put their proposals forward, I felt that these went to the root of secondary education as we understood it in this country, and I referred them to the Board of Education to see whether the Board had any definite opinions."

"The Board felt, naturally, that they had only one factor in the problem before them—the opinion of the head mistresses. They want to know what the head masters think. They referred the matter definitely to the Head Masters' Association and I believe the Head Masters' Conference will also have an opinion on this matter, even though candid

ates from our schools are only one-tenth of those in the country in any year."

The President, moving the declaration quoted, said: "I am very strongly of the opinion that it is a mistake to try to make the education of boys and girls run exactly on the same lines. I do not think the girls gain by the rather hot-house competition which is sometimes involved. I think the fact that head mistresses, or certain numbers of them, find the school certificate at present a real burden and strain to a much greater extent than head masters is definite evidence that the two lines of education ought to be separated."

"Too Much Alike."

Dr. Arlington, of Eton, seconding, said: "I am of opinion that girls' schools have modelled themselves too closely on boys' schools. What is wanted is some girls who will do for the education of girls what has been done for boys by head masters in the past."

The Rev. C. Grant, of St. George's, Harpenden, a co-education school, said: "As the nearest approach to a head mistress in this conference—(laughter)—I am cordially in favour of differentiating between the sexes. As many girls as boys pass the certificate in my school, but I think they suffer more in the process."

The declaration was passed unanimously with the exception of Dr. Norwood, who did not vote.

The Rev. F. S. Young, of Bishops Stortford, moved a rider that this conference, while wishing to retain the group system, urges that compensation should be more generously applied."

Mr. R. Cary-Giles (King Edward's School, Birmingham) said he did not want relaxation or compensation pushed to an absurd extent. It had previously been found in the case of a large number of candidates passing in Latin that when they came to the universities, they knew no Latin whatever. (Laughter):

Dr. Norwood said the examining body were much against awarding compensation between the groups. "I know of one university," he said, "where there was a system of 'fictitious credit.' If a boy did remarkably well in physics he was given credit in Latin. (Laughter). We have managed to get them to give up that method of award."

The rider was carried with five dissentients.

The conference instructed its committee "to approach the bishops with a view to obtaining a measure of agreement among bishops as to the conditions governing the ordination of schoolmasters and prospective schoolmasters."

The Rev. H. B. Tower of Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, moving this resolution, said he hoped the bishops might be persuaded to consider the whole question in view of the fact that, as the law now stood, schoolmasters or prospective schoolmasters were only ordained on the sufferance, so to speak, of individual bishops.

## AN APE-MAN.

## ATTACKS ON GIRLS IN LANES.

Police have been trying for some days to trace the perpetrator of a series of mysterious attacks on young women and girls in lonely lanes in the St. Mary Cray, Kent, district. Women and girls have been afraid to go about alone at night.

"Repulsive and of ape-like appearance" is one description given of the man, who, when he committed his last outrage, wore a cap pulled down over his eyes and a light raincoat.

## Two Victims.

The two victims of the latest outrage were Mrs. Florence Harland, of 5, Station Road, St. Mary Cray, and Miss Ess, of Conway Street, Plaistow, E. They were returning together from Sidcup, where they had been seeing a friend off by motor-omnibus, and met the man midway between Foothill Cray and St. Paul's Cray.

He asked to be directed to Orpington, and when told he was walking away from it turned back and accompanied the women. They continued to talk together, and finally he made some observation on the loneliness of the road.

## Blows on the Head.

Mrs. Harland, describing what happened then to a "Daily Mail" reporter, said:

"Barely had I replied that the road was not so lonely as it used to be when the man hit us both on the head, and the next thing I remember was sitting in the middle of the road. The man was still attacking me, while my companion did her best to ward off his blows. Suddenly she saw a light in a house about 100 yards away and ran screaming for help, realising that the man was getting the better of the struggle.

One of the Russian boats I was wearing was forced off, and seizing it, I began to strike the man. Then he saw two men and two women coming from the house, and made

## AT MALINES.

## A "MEASURE OF AGREEMENT."

## CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS.

Lord Halifax, who was largely instrumental in bringing the conference about, reveals in "Notes on the Conversations at Malines, 1921-1925" (Mawbrey and Co., 1s.), some of the points of agreement arrived at on such questions as the Sacraments, Holy Scriptures, the Episcopate, and above all, the difficult questions involved in the claims of the See of Rome and the position of the Pope in relation to the rest of Christendom.

The original members of the conference were Cardinal Mercier, Mgr. Van Roey, and the Abbe Portal, on the Roman side; and Lord Halifax, Dr. Frere (now Bishop of Truro), and the Dean of Wells (Dr. Armitage Robinson), on the Anglican side. To these were afterwards added Mgr. Battifol and the Abbe Hammer, and (as nominees of the Archbishop of Canterbury) Dr. Gore and Dr. Kidd.

One of the chief objects of the meetings, which were held at intervals during the years 1921 to 1925, was to ascertain whether there was a sufficient measure of agreement between what was held as the side in the Roman Communion and the formularies and teaching of the Church of England to justify the attempt to reunite the latter with the See of Rome.

The report of the conversations has been in print, both in French and English, for some months, but the Archbishop of Canterbury wished the publication postponed until after the Revised Prayer Book had been submitted to Parliament. Another postponement of uncertain duration having been occasioned by the rejection of the Prayer Book Measure, Lord Halifax publishes his notes to "mitigate disappointment."

The discussions, he says, revealed a considerable measure of agreement, and the following is a brief summary of the principal points:

1. That Holy Baptism constitutes the means of entry to the Church of Christ; and that all validly baptised persons belong, in virtue of their baptism, to the Body of the Church. That the initiation thus effected must develop into an organised life.

2. That the Sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross is the one all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and that that Sacrifice is sacramentally offered by the showing forth to use St. Paul's words—of that death mystically represented by the separate Consecration of the bread and wine; and that, as the Formularies of the Church of England teach, "the Body and Blood of Christ are verily and indeed given, faken, and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper."

3. That Communion in both kinds was once the custom of the Universal Church, and had only been discontinued in the West for reasons of a practical nature. The question was not, therefore, so much one of doctrine as of discipline.

4. That Holy Scripture requires the interpretation of the Church before it can be accepted as the ultimate standard of faith and doctrine.

The theological position of Anglicans that no doctrine may be considered to be of the faith, and therefore binding upon the conscience of Christians, which cannot be derived from Holy Scripture, was not thought to be incompatible with that which is held by Roman Catholics.

5. That with regard to the position of the Holy See and the question of Papal Supremacy, the Anglicans, although, in common with the Orthodox Eastern Churches, disown the monarchy of the Bishop of Rome, and maintained that his doctrinal authority is not separate from that of the Episcopate, and can only be exercised in conformity with the traditions and teachings of the whole Church of Christ, conceded that a visible headship of the Church might be implied in the commission bestowed by our Lord upon St. Peter, and might even be found to be essential for the accomplishment of a reunited Christendom.

6. That the Bishops derived their succession direct from the Apostles, and their authority and position in the Church are therefore justly divine.

In the course of the conversations allusion was made to the Thirty-nine Articles in relation to the Decrees of the Council of Trent, and it was stated by the Anglican members present that theologians like Dr. Pusey and Bishop Forbes of Brechin had held that the definitions of doctrine they contained admitted of an interpretation which would reconcile them with the Tridentine Decrees.

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## "GENERAL" SUTTON.

## EXPLOITS OF AN ENGLISH D'ARTAGNAN.

## MANY PURCHASES.

Englishman abroad round whose name has grown a more colourful halo of romance.

I met Sutton in the summer, and, though I saw him only for a moment between trains at his arsenal in Mukden, I was able to gauge something of the extraordinary personality of the man. Three revolvers lay by his side as he told me briefly the story of his remarkable friendship with the warlord Chang Tso-lin—three revolutionaries because at least a dozen attempts had been made on his life, while few foreigners acquainted with his peculiar position in China ever believed that he could leave the country alive.

It was, indeed, not long after this meeting that I heard of the sale of his arsenal and then of his departure for Europe, for no one was more conscious than he of the real dangers which began to surround him.

## A Nomadic Career.

It was shortly after he left Eton as a boy that Sutton began his nomadic career of adventure.

The war found him in South America, but, like all, he was quick to respond to the broadcast for men. A few months later he was tramping the hot sands of Gallipoli. It was here that he lost his right hand. He returned to England as an invalid, only to proceed to the end of convalescence on a propaganda mission to America.

He went next to Shanghai, afterwards to Hankow, and eventually to the rich province of Szechuan, rich in its resources but impoverished by years of civil strife. Yan Sen was now fighting to capture the province for the all-powerful Wu Pei-fu. Here Sutton saw his first real opportunity in China. He decided to make munitions that would not be needed. His offer to Yan Sen was accepted.

The interpreters placed at his disposal, however, were—as he was to discover later—chosen for their utter lack of scruples, and it was not long before he found that, though he turned out the munitions, he received everything in payment but hard cash for further commitments.

The day came for a settlement. For his part he had fulfilled his contract. But Yan Sen, to avoid the embarrassment of payment, decided on a course not uncommon in those remote parts of China—dark hinterland. He ordered Sutton's execution. An officer and two soldiers arrived at the house late one night, ostensibly with the object of an interview. One of the soldiers, in his stupidity dropped the hint that the trio had been sent to shoot him.

Sutton, in a flash, thundered the order, "Ground arms!" The half-witted trio obeyed. Then, whipping out his revolver with his single hand, he fired and bolted through a secret door in the compound. He made his way over the open countryside to the river bank, travelled many miles in his flight in an open sampan, and finally, again by the stroke of luck that always favoured him, managed to board a small British steamer just as she was about to sail.

## Wit to the Rescue.

Late in the summer he went again to Shanghai, then to Tientsin, and on to Mukden. Here he sought and obtained his first interview with Marshal Chang Tso-lin. He told him of his experience in the south. The little dictator listened with marked interest. He then offered to manufacture him a gun, simple enough to place in the hands of any Chinese soldier.

"The course of study is the im-

The Chinese Generalissimo seemed impressed, but bade Sutton stand back while he examined the proposals of two others who had come on a similar mission. The dreamy Chang seemed likewise attracted by their inventions.

He demanded that they all give trials outside. But here Sutton's wife came to his rescue, for he promptly informed the marshal that a fortune-teller had proclaimed that day unpropitious for experiments. Such a plea was always valid in China, so the day was postponed.

Two days later Sutton turned up alone with his weapon. The marshal, already struck with his personality, was pleased. Sutton was then and there decorated and instructed to build an arsenal in the city.

No time was lost in apprising the country of his discovery, for not more than ten guns were turned out at his hands before Chang Tso-lin ordered the cinematographers to get busy. They photographed the ten field pieces and the first handful of shells. The films were duplicated hundreds of times, until soon the unsuspecting populace were made to believe that guns were belching from the factory in their thousands every week.

He promptly launched his munitions plant, however, and soon his mortars and shells were being despatched to every unit of the North Chinese forces. His artillery were given credit for the capture of two inaccessible mountain passes near Shantung, while, with their aid, Chang Tso-lin's armies, now well inside the Great Wall, smashed their way to Peking.

Sutton was made a general in the Chinese army, and in other directions was generously rewarded for his services.

With his unflinching luck, he next won £20,000 in a horse race sweepstakes.

He remained for a further period, but at last, in March of last year, he determined definitely to leave China for ever.

## HIGH SCHOOLS.

## UNNECESSARY, SAYS EDUCATOR.

Pasadena, Calif.—America's fine system of schools needs to be justified by a better system of education, declared William J. Cooper, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in an address delivered to the Community Educational Forum here. Some radical ideas were put forward by Mr. Cooper, who asserted that high schools have outlived their usefulness in California and should be abolished.

The policy of putting the two higher grades of high school with the two lower grades of junior college may be a solution to one of the grave problems of secondary education in California, or the secret door in the compound.

He made his way over the open countryside to the river bank, travelled many miles in his flight in an open sampan, and finally, again by the stroke of luck that always favoured him, managed to board a small British steamer just as she was about to sail.

There is no modern justification for the teaching of Latin, in the opinion of Mr. Cooper, except to use it as a key to enter college. The tradition of Latin and Greek, as essential education requirements was handed down from the old New England system of education, declared the speaker.

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## A PEACE MEDAL.

## MR. SCHWAB'S WORK RECOGNISED.

## LONG BUSINESS CAREER.

New York.—A commercial peace medal, in recognition of his service in industrial and business arbitration, has been awarded to Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, by the American Arbitration Association.

The medal, inscribed "In appreciation of service in the cause of commercial peace," was said to be the first of its kind ever awarded. It was presented at a luncheon at the Astor Hotel, at which more than 800 leading business and public officials were guests.

One of the great contributions of arbitration to business is the removal of the feeling of conquest from the settlement of commercial disputes, Mr. Schwab said in his address at the presentation of the medal. The belligerent attitude developed by court actions, with the attendant publicity, is not conducive to settlement of difficulties, he continued; while arbitration develops an attitude wherein both sides may gracefully give and take and where the person in the wrong finds it easier to yield to a just decision.

"I am one of the men who, after a long business career, is not sordid on humanity," Mr. Schwab said. "The longer I live, the more firmly I am convinced that the way to enjoy life is to go about one's business happily, with confidence in one's friends and the people with whom one associates. While having this confidence, it is well to enjoy happiness and laughter, and to cultivate joy in one's contacts and in one's relationships."

In the course of his business life, Mr. Schwab said, fully 10,000 labour disagreements have arisen. Every one of these, he declared, has been settled without recourse to either the court or outside arbitration. His company was among the first, Mr. Schwab declared, to feel that the working-man should have a voice in his own affairs.

"Success in dealing with men is to a considerable extent, based upon the understanding that the real aristocracy of this country is not that of birth or wealth," he continued. "True aristocracy is measured by the good one does for his fellow man."

Lucius R. Eastman, resident of the American Arbitration Association, who presided, cited the work of Mr. Schwab in bringing the spirit of good will, of tolerance, of justice, fair dealing and kindness into his business relations which are the very attributes of commercial peace."

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## SEVERE SHOCK.

MAHARANE AND HER RIVAL

PROTEST BY FASTING

Bombay.—The proposed marriage of the ex-Maharaja Holkar of Indore and Miss Nancy Miller, an American gold miner's daughter, has administered a severe shock to the second Maharane, previously the ex-ruler's favourite wife. The first Maharane is also alive.

It appears that the Maharane hastened to Colombo, Ceylon, to meet the ex-Maharaja on his arrival there from America. Upon meeting her husband and hearing from him that he intended to marry a white woman she fainted.

A few hours afterwards the Maharane returned to Indore. She refused to eat during the journey, and it is reported that she is still fasting.

British officials at Indore disapprove of the proposed marriage.

It is now revealed that Miss Miller's mother, a wealthy widow, lives at San Francisco and that during his recent visit to the United States the ex-Maharaja spent a fortnight at the family's home.

## In The Hills.

Colombo.—Much secrecy has hidden the movements of the ex-Maharaja of Indore during the past few days, but I am now able to state that he is staying at an hotel at Nuwara Eliya, the fashionable hill station 26 miles south of Kandy.

Miss Miller and her grandmother are staying at the same hotel. The ex-Maharaja is said to be indisposed. He is not receiving visitors. He is waiting for permission from the Indian Government to marry Miss Miller. Negotiations are in progress for her conversion to Hindooism.

Another visitor at the hotel is the ex-Maharaja's treasurer, who is stated to have more than £30,000 in his possession.—"Daily Mail" correspondent.

## SOVIET TALES.

AN AMAZING REPORT JUST ISSUED.

"Soviet Russia To-day" (Labour Research Department, 8d.) is another of those ridiculous reports representing the verdict of tourists who go to Moscow knowing nothing of the Russian language or country. The British Workers' Delegation of 1927 is nominally responsible for the statements which it contains, but these are adorned by meaningless gibberish—which is astonishingly reminiscent of the other publications of the Labour Research Department—such as "given a complementary state of society, co-operation can be the means to establish Socialism," and "it consolidated their realisation."

The delegates, who went at the Soviet's expense, had, of course, to travel where the Soviet sent them, conducted by persons who were paid and employed by the Soviet to mislead them. Their astonishing credulity is illustrated in every line. Thus the report states, "ten years, we were told, is the maximum sentence in Soviet Russia." Yet day after day the Soviet journals publish news that men and women have been condemned to death and shot. At this very moment the Soviet trader Poliakov is under sentence of death for "corruption," while on August 23 three Customs officials were shot at Minsk for "making false declarations of imported goods."

Again, the report states that for Soviet railway workers "the hours are eight per day usually, but four and six for those on dangerous and semi-dangerous work." But the railwaymen's delegate to the seventh Soviet Trade Union Congress declared only a few months ago:

I wish to point to the violation of labour legislation in transport undertakings. There is no single railway on which the regulations concerning hours of work have been observed, although there exists for this purpose a special decree of the commissariat of labour. Labour is exploited just as if there were no labour legislation at all.

As for unemployment, the delegation admits that "at certain times of the year there are over 1,500,000 unemployed persons in Soviet Russia." But the figures are really much more serious as M. Kulyushev, the chairman of the Supreme People's Economic Council, some weeks ago placed the number of unemployed in the winter at more than 8,000,000.

The book would be amusing were not the malignant Soviet attack on British trade and British lives throughout the world so exceeding-ly serious and so expensive. "Daily Mail."

About 90 square feet of fifteenth-century oak panelling was discovered when the walls of a room in a house in High Street, Bury St. Edmunds, were stripped.

## OLD CRIMES.

THE PROBLEM OF EXPIATION

THE CONVICTED HEIR.

The Headquarters Committee of the British Legion, meeting in London under the presidency of Colonel G. R. Crosfield, the chairman of the Legion, agreed to support in principle the resolutions passed recently by the Grand Jury at Birmingham Quarter Sessions that sailors and soldiers who died in the war ought to have

The hooded man, calling out, "Your money or your life," pointed a covered object resembling a revolver in the face of the manageress of the Eclipse Wine Company's shop in Lisle Street, Leicester-square, W.C., and attempted to steal the contents of the till.

A reporter Miss Eva Tapley, the manageress, said:

"I was alone in the shop when I suddenly saw a man in front of me. Over his head was a piece of serge material, and I could see only the tip of his nose. He pointed in my face something covered with a piece of serge, and shouted out, 'Your money or your life.'

I knocked his hand up and said, 'Don't be a fool!' I then put my arm on the till and resisted his efforts to open it. He picked up a model of a white horse used as an advertisement and flung it at me, striking me on the forehead and smashing the ornament. Although injured, I was still able to resist him, and he looked round for something else to throw at me. I came round to the front of the counter after him, and with that he ran out of the shop. A young man next door chased him down Leicester-place as far as Leicester-square, where he was lost.

The assailant is described as being a man of about 22 to 24, 5 ft. in height, wearing a cloth cap and an overcoat. He spoke with a rough voice.

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Shop Scene Sequel.

In the second case a man tendered half a crown at a sweetshop in Charing Cross Road, W.C.

The manageress, Miss Ethel Redgrave, a strongly built young woman, suspecting that the coin was a bad one, sent an assistant for the police and locked the door.

A policeman while passing heard noises in the shop and took the customer to the police station.

SURVEY OF PAPUA.

Lieutenant Wackett Returns.

Melbourne, Dec. 26.—Flight-Lieut. E. C. Wackett, who, in September last left to undertake an aerial survey of Papua and the Mandated Territory, returned to the Laverton depot to-day. In a three months' flight Lieut. Wackett has flown about 10,000 miles. He was accompanied on the survey by Flight-Lieut. J. H. Ross, who remained in the territory to complete details of the work. Lieutenant Wackett left Papua on December 11.

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## A FILM AUTHOR.

NOVICE SUCCEEDS WHERE EXPERTS FAILED.

Some time ago it was decided to make a sequel to the most successful of pictures, "Mademoiselle from Armentières," with the title "Mademoiselle from Armentières, O.B.E." With the title settled, those in charge of production at the Gaumont studio in Shepherd's Bush began to cast about for a good original story on which the sequel might be based.

This proved unexpectedly difficult. Eleven authors, several of whom have considerable reputations, were eventually engaged in writing stories about the further adventures of Mademoiselle, but none of these stories proved to be what was wanted.

And then, suddenly, a member of the studio staff, who holds a comparatively minor position, tentatively offered an original story which he himself, knowing the problem which was temporally attracting his clients, had written.

It proved to be the very thing, and "Mademoiselle from Armentières, O.B.E." will go into production shortly.

## HOODED MAN.

SHOP INTRUDER PUT TO FLIGHT

WOMAN'S FIGHT

The manageress of two shops in the centre of London displayed pluck and presence of mind in dealing with suspects, one of whom was hooded.

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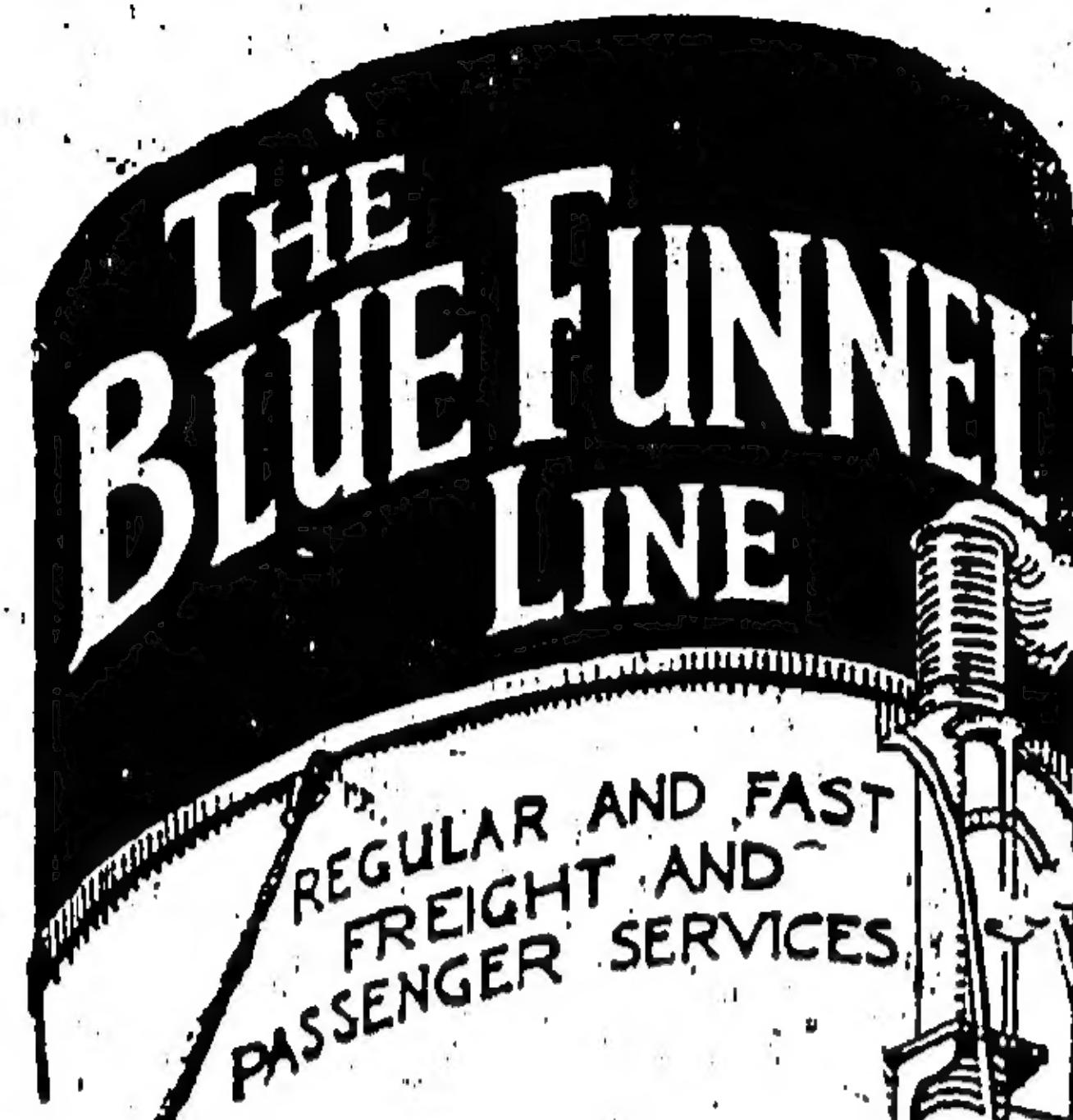
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## PLAIN WORDS."

Lord Birkenhead on India.

## POLITICAL OPINION.

Simon Commission To Do Its Duty.

London, Yesterday.

Lord Birkenhead, Secretary of State for India, in a speech at Doncaster addressed "plain words to the people of India" in drawing attention to their attitude towards the Simon Commission. "I shall make it as plain as any words at my command will enable me that with the assistance of the Indian Legislatures or without, this Commission will carry out its task to a conclusion."

He declared that if political opinion in India, which was the smallest fringe of the whole of India, chose to remain aloof, nevertheless the Commission's work would be performed under the present Government or whatever Government succeeded it.

He asked those pledged to boycott the Commission whether a sophisticated electorate in Britain would be likely to be persuaded by such means or that the political-minded in India had proved themselves fit for a great extension of the present constitution.

Lord Birkenhead pointed out that on the other hand, by co-operation, they might easily have so proved. He paid a tribute to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and other responsible Labour leaders in carrying out what they had conceived to be their duty.

Indian Comment.

Lord Birkenhead's speech at Doncaster has been severely criticised.

The English-owned "Evening News" describes Lord Birkenhead's statements as limited and provocative and says: "He must take his share of the responsibility if a non-confidence motion is carried in the Assembly to-morrow."

The paper recalls that when the Commission left England Lord Birkenhead said the less he intervened the better.

The Indian-owned "Daily Mail" says the speech is violent and provocative and evidently intended to influence the result in the Assembly. "We will be much surprised if it has not a contrary effect," says the paper.—Reuter.

## BLOWN UP.

## FATALITY ON OIL TANKER.

## MANY KILLED.

Tokyo, Yesterday. A trawler has landed with 21 survivors, including several injured, picked up at sea, belonging to a 7,000 tonner "Chuky," which left San Pedro on January 19 for Japan. The vessel suddenly blew up on February 15, killing the captain and 13 of the crew.—Reuter.

## CANCER NERVES.

## DISCOVERY BY CANADIAN DOCTOR.

Montreal, Yesterday. Dr. Oertel, director of the McGill University Pathological Institute, has established the presence of nerves in human cancer and other malignant tumours thus pointing to the possible connection of a cancerous growth with the nervous system and opening new possibilities for the advance of knowledge of tumours and their treatment.—Reuter.

## FIXING EASTER.

## MEASURE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons has unanimously read for a second time a private bill stabilising Easter as the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April. Whenever European countries agree to a similar measure, the Government undertook to adopt the bill and initiate international negotiations.—Reuter.

## EDDIE FOY.

American Comedian's Death.

## CHICAGO FIRE ECHO.

How Famous Artist Averted A Panic.

London, Yesterday.

The death has occurred of the comedian, Eddie Foy.

The death of Eddie Foy recalls the terrible fire at the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, in 1903, when one hundred persons were killed.

Foy rushed to the front of the stage with the flames roaring overhead and burning embers falling about him and implored the terror-stricken audience not to yield to panic.

The courage and presence of mind of the little comedian, a grotesque figure in tights and shock wig, amid the blazing scenery arrested to a great extent the mad scramble for the doors.—Reuter's American Service.

## DISQUIET.

(Continued from Page 1.)

chowfu, the Nationalist main base, of a representative of the "Christian General" and the arrival at Nanking of General Yen Hsi-shan's military representative to report progress in the campaign between Shensi province and the Peking Government.

Peking, Yesterday. The leaders on both sides in China's civil war seem to be more inclined for conferences than warfare at the present time.

In view of the alleged changed conditions, due to the Chengchow conference, the Peking authorities are summoning all their leaders to Peking for a further conference.

It is semi-officially stated that serious hostilities are not likely in North China before March 1. In the meanwhile reports that various peace delegates are visiting each other continue.—Reuter.

## LOAN PROTEST.

Nationalist Note To Japanese Government.

Nanking, Feb. 10. In view of persistent reports that a loan of Yen 5,000,000 is under negotiation between (the Peking Government) Chang Tao-chen and the South Manchuria Railway, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government, has sent a strong protest to the Japanese authorities against the consumption of the reported loan. Following is a translation of the official dispatch:

## Protest.

"On Jan. 27, 1928, it was reported in the Shanghai newspapers that Yang Yu-ting, under instructions of the Northern militarist, Chang Tao-chen, had, through a Japanese, approached the South Manchuria Railway for a loan, and that Mr. Yamamoto, Director-General, of the said Railway, viewing the fact that the route of the Kirin-Huining Line had already been determined, promised to advance Yen 5,000,000 for construction purposes. It was further reported that the Japanese intermediary had returned from Dairen to Peking on Jan. 11 to confer with Chang Tao-chen as regards the details of the arrangement.

Previous "Borrowing." It is a well-known fact that all foreign loans are contracted by the Northern militarists for the purpose of meeting their military expenses. Such loans not only result in the prolongation of internal strife, but also add to the financial burden of the people, who have always objected to them.

"Towards such an undertaking and other similar activities, the Nationalist Government has repeatedly declared its opposition.

"If it is true," it is reported that Chang Tao-chen has approached the South Manchuria Railway for a loan of Yen 5,000,000, the Nationalist Government feels constrained to declare its opposition, at the same time solemnly announcing its absolute refusal to recognise the validity of any loan contracted by the Northern militarists.

"If the Imperial Japanese Government aims at the removal of all obstacles in the way of Sino-Japanese relations as well as the promotion of friendly feeling between the people of the two nations, the Nationalist Government trusts that the Imperial Japanese Government will prevent such a transaction by the South Manchuria Railway."

## HORSE MARINES."

Really Materialise in S. America.

## CHASING SANDINO.

U.S. Marines Mounted To Give Them Equal Mobility.

Managua, Yesterday.

The "Horse Marines" materialised in the region of Matagalpa, where a detachment of United States marines, mounted in order to give them the same mobility as the rebels, are now chasing Sandino, who was last reported in that region.

Meanwhile a hundred followers of Sandino raided the town of Trinidad on Wednesday night and seized supplies.—Reuter's American Service.

## GOOD GOING.

HINCKLER ARRIVES AT RANGOON.

Rangoon, Yesterday. Hinckler has arrived, having covered two-thirds of the distance to Australia in 11 days.—Reuter.

## MOTOR BANDITS.

## HOLD UP BUS NEAR CANTON.

## DRIVER FETCHES POLICE.

Two motor bandits